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Ski areas on their own

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Machines make snow at the Swiss Valley ski area near Jones in Cass County this week. The ski area is expected to open Friday or Saturday for the season.

Mother Nature not cooperating, so snowmakers take up slack

By ANDREW LERSTEN
HP Staff Writer

GOBLES — Two out of Southwest Michigan's three downhill ski areas are open for business, and the third could open as soon as Friday.

Mother Nature hasn't been too cooperative in recent weeks, failing to bring a white Christmas to the region. But to the diehard skiers, that was not an obstacle.

The ski areas have been relying on man-made snow to get their slopes ready for action.

Bittersweet near Otsego in Allegan County was the early opener of the trio this year, opening Nov. 16 after a massive snowfall.

"We really got dumped on," said Bittersweet assistant office manager Jayne Peet.

Bittersweet and Timber Ridge, in Van Buren County east of Gobles, have had a fitful start to the season, with several days open but other days when they could not open due to warm weather.

"We've had a few days closed, but we've been fortunate to keep a good base," Peet said. "We were open all weekend. The holiday season is important to us."

The week between Christmas and New Year's Day is traditionally one of the busiest weeks of the season for the ski areas – at least when the weather cooperates.

Swiss Valley near Jones in Cass County, meanwhile, is working hard to make enough snow to open for the season. The goal is to be open by Friday or Saturday, said manager Jamie Stafne.

"We've got some days to make up," she said. "But we're here. We're ready."

This year's later season start is in stark contrast to last year's winter, when the snow started falling early and never let up.

"Last year we opened Dec. 13," Stafne said. "It was the snowiest season ever, and it was also one of the coldest."

Bittersweet and Timber Ridge are hosting extended New Year's Eve skiing hours today, and New Year's Eve special events.

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Free skiing for fourth- and fifth-graders

By ANDREW LERSTEN
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Michigan fourth- and fifth-graders can get free ski lift passes this winter at 27 participating ski areas in the state through a program offered by the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association.

The program is called "Cold is Cool," and the kids must be accompanied by a paying adult customer to get three free lift or trail passes.

Up to two kids can use the freebies on any given date with a paying adult. But first they need to get a seasonal "passport," which costs $15 to cover printing and shipping fees.

Applications are available at the association's website, at www.goskimichigan.com.

Two Southwest Michigan ski areas participate in the program: Timber Ridge near Gobles and Swiss Valley near Jones in Cass County. State Sen. John Proos, R-St. Joseph, is a big fan of the program, which in past winters was limited to fourth-graders.

"This initiative is about helping keep our children healthy and fostering a new interest in outdoor exercise activity," Proos said in a news release Tuesday. "I encourage Southwest Michigan families to take advantage of this proactive program. Let's get children excited about having fun in Michigan's great outdoors."

Michigan among states hit hard by flu

By KAREN KAPLAN
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

Deaths due to influenza and pneumonia have hit "epidemic" levels in the U.S. as flu activity became widespread in 36 states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Officials reported 837 flu and pneumonia deaths to the CDC through its 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System during the 51st week of the year. Those deaths accounted for 6.8 percent of the 12,358 total deaths that week, just meeting the epidemic threshold.

The area that includes cities in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin reported 151 deaths, the most among the nine regions in the system. Another 147 deaths were tallied in the Pacific region, which includes California, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii.

The fewest deaths – 42 – were in the area that includes Minnesota, Iowa,

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Clean in Galien

Toxic chapter reaches a conclusion

By SCOTT AIKEN
HP Staff Writer

GALIEN — A longstanding pollution problem caused by the release of gasoline from an underground storage tank has been resolved with completion of a state supervised cleanup.

Removing the contaminated soil required demolition of the Galien Township fire station at 108 George St. in Galien.

The fire department, with financial assistance from Berrien County, moved into a new building in the Galien Industrial Park.

The cleanup went forward as the result of an agreement approved in 2013 by the state, county and township.

Cleanup work had progressed to the point where nothing more could be done without tearing down the building, part of which was once leased by the county sheriff's department.

"They worked on it for years and years to try to get it cleared," said township Clerk Lesta Doyle.

She said the Township Board is satisfied with the work done by the state Department of Environmental Quality.

The building was torn down and pollution cleanup completed. By October, the empty lot was graded and seeded.

Doyle said the township-owned property is for sale but can never be used as a house site.

Galien Village Clerk Christine Palmer said officials are pleased with the outcome.

"We were kind of hoping the old fire department wouldn't have to be taken down," she said, but the DEQ determined there was no other way.

The soil and groundwater pollution problem was traced to a release of gas from an underground tank.

The sheriff's department operated a substation in the building starting in 1979, and had a gas pump and underground tank to fill patrol cars. County officials acknowledged that gas spilled when the pump failed to shut off as a car was being filled.

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Red-light cams fade as speed cams get green light

By DAVID PORTER
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Motorists rejoicing over decisions to discontinue unpopular red-light camera programs don't have to drive too far for a buzzkill.

The number of red-light cameras nationwide is falling because of opposition from lawmakers and average Joes – but the use of cameras to catch speeders is slowly rising, potentially signaling a new battleground.

The number of U.S. communities using red-light cameras has fallen 13 percent, to 469, since the end of 2012, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a nonprofit scientific and educational organization funded by the insurance industry. That includes the 24 towns in New Jersey that participated in a pilot program that ended this month with no pending legislation to revive it.

Meanwhile, the institute estimates that 137 communities use speed cameras, up from 115 at the end of 2011.

Advocates for cameras that catch red-light runners point to data showing they reduce accidents, while critics note that they can't employ judgment to distinguish between, say, a red-light run during rush hour in a school zone and a technically illegal right turn on a red light at 3 a.m. Speeding, however, is a bit more black and white when it comes to cameras.

"The goal of these advocates for the red-light cameras was a one-two punch,"

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Judge Howard takes oath

Don Campbell / HP staff

Donna Howard, left, is sworn in as the Berrien County 5th District Court Judge by the Hon. Thomas Nelson on Tuesday at the Berrien County Courthouse. Also pictured is Howard's family, from left, husband, Rich, and children, Jack, 14, Ellie, 8, and Grace, 12, far right. Howard was elected to a six-year judicial term in November.

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Sister: Hospital gunman shot wife 'out of love'

DOVER, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire man walked into his wife's hospital room early Tuesday, fatally shot her then killed himself, a murder-suicide that he foretold in a candid and emotional Facebook posting to friends and family.

Authorities did not identify the man. But Dorcas Lavoie told The Associated Press that her brother, Mark A. Lavoie, shot his wife, Katherine, "out of love" before killing himself at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover.

"They both loved each other very much," she said, declining to comment further.

Police got a 911 call at 6:03 a.m. reporting gunshots at the hospital near the state's seacoast. They found a man and a woman dead in a private room in the critical care unit. Assistant Attorney General Jay McCormack did not answer specific questions, saying the killings were still under investigation. He said the victims' identities would be released after family was notified.

In a 5:59 a.m. posting on what appears to be Mark Lavoie's Facebook page, he said his 49-year-old wife had suffered for years.

"I want to start off by saying this is going to be officially ruled a murder/suicide when in all actuality it is a double suicide," the Facebook post reads. "My baby was trying to escape the bi-polar demons that have been swirling around in her brain since childhood and now because of my selfishness in dialing 911 she is experiencing the only thing she feared more than her illness ... life support on a respirator."

Friends wrote back, some pleading with Lavoie, who was 50, not to follow through. Within hours, the responses turned to shock, grief and solace for Lavoie's family.

At an afternoon news conference, hospital President and CEO Greg Walker said that a "very sad and horrific event took place." Walker said visitors in the critical care unit are restricted to small numbers of family members and the hospital has a policy banning firearms.

The 178-bed hospital remained open after the shooting and Walker said services were not affected by the shooting. Counselors were being made available for staff, patients and visitors.

In Lavoie's posting, he instructed friends and family that everything he owns and his 401(k) should go to two people. He asks that friends take care of the couple's pets and use money in his bank accounts to pay for funeral services, including organ donation and cremation.

"I don't care what is done with the ashes but I know Kathy loves Damariscotta Lake," he wrote.

AP photo

President Barack Obama smiles broadly while golfing with friends Greg Orme, left, and Mike Ramos on Monday, on the 18th hole of the Mid Pacific Country Club in Kailua, Hawaii.

Obama reunion in Hawaii with pals a link to simpler times

By JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Since returning to his childhood home this month on vacation, President Barack Obama has spent a good part of most days cloistered with three people whose company puts him at ease. They're not his wife and daughters, who came with him, but a trio of pals whose friendship dates back to Obama's high school days in Hawaii.

The three men – Mike Ramos, Bobby Titcomb and Greg Orme – are among the few people still in Obama's life who knew him long before he was famous. Although their paths have long since diverged, they've made it a point to gather for frequent reunions, in one of Obama's most visible links to the days when his life was much simpler and his problems more mundane.

On this visit alone, Obama has spent more than 22 hours with the group on the lush golf courses that dot the island of Oahu. When it rained, Obama and his pals went bowling, instead. And every year during Obama's trip, they find time for a barbecue at Titcomb's beachside home in Waialua, about an hour outside of Honolulu on Oahu's North Shore.

Although by now an annual tradition, the reunions have increasingly become the focal point of Obama's family vacation in his second term as his teenage daughters spend less and less time at their father's side. Once content to join their parents for outings to the aquarium or to get shave ice, Sasha and Malia are now more independent. Since arriving more than a week ago, Obama has been out in public with one of his daughters only once, briefly, during a hike.

What Obama and his companions talk about during their many hours alone is anyone's guess. But the foursome rarely goes more than a few months without reconvening in one arrangement or another. In August, Obama kicked off his 53rd birthday weekend golfing with the three friends in suburban Maryland before heading to Camp David, the presidential retreat in the Catoctin Mountains.

All four were classmates at Punahou School in Honolulu, which Obama has described as "a prestigious prep school, an incubator for island elites." In his memoir, "Dreams From My Father," Obama recalled a high school career that was, for the most part, ordinary – "marginal report cards and calls to the principal's office; part-time jobs at the burger chain; acne and driving tests and turbulent desire."

"I'd made my share of friends at school, gone on the occasional awkward date," Obama wrote. "And if I sometimes puzzled over the mysterious realignments of status that took place among my classmates, as some rose and others fell depending on the whims of their bodies or the make of their cars, I took comfort in the knowledge that my own position had steadily improved."

Far less is known about Obama's buddies, of course, than about the president himself. All three live mostly private lives when they're not being photographed with the commander in chief.

Ramos, who graduated from Punahou in 1978, bonded with Obama over their mutual affinity for jazz. He's lived in Colorado, but was listed as a North Carolina resident when in 2012 he attended a state dinner at the White House that Obama held for British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Titcomb, who golfed another two days with Obama this month before the others got into town, was a year behind Obama at Punahou. Titcomb has worked as a commercial fisherman and an airline employee, according to the school's alumni magazine. In 2011, he pleaded no contest to soliciting a prostitute, but Obama has stayed fiercely loyal to his childhood friend.

Obama played basketball at Punahou with Orme, who the alumni magazine says is now a building contractor. Aging photos show Obama and Orme decked out in 1970s fashion with their dates before attending a high school prom.

Among U.S. presidents, Obama is not alone in carving out time regularly to reconnect with his roots. Franklin D. Roosevelt made frequent trips back to Hyde Park, N.Y., throwing picnics or barbecues for former neighbors and friends, and George H.W. Bush remained pals with men he served with in World War II.

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Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Midday Daily 3
2-8-1
Midday Daily 4
8-8-4-6
Poker Lotto
JC-AD-JS-6D-9H
Daily 3
0-3-0
Daily 4
2-4-2-1
Fantasy 5
05-09-12-37-39
Keno
02-08-11-16-17-18-24-29-30-33-36-37-49-51-52-54-60-61-67-70-76-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$172 million
Powerball jackpot
$120 million

Indiana
Quick Draw Midday
01-04-13-15-20-21-32-36-41-43-49-50-52-53-56-57-60-62-77-78
Daily Three-Midday
7-5-8
Daily Four-Midday
1-3-5-3

Illinois
Hit or Miss Morning
01-06-07-11-13-14-15-16-20-21-22-24, GLN : 2
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
01-07-16-33-36
Pick Three-Midday
6-5-7, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
5-7-1-9, Fireball: 1

Monday evening drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
03-14-17-26-31
Poker Lotto
AD-6D-4H-6H-7S
Daily Three-Evening
6-8-0
Daily Four-Evening
7-0-5-3
Quick Draw Evening
04-11-18-21-23-27-29-32-35-38-39-43-44-46-48-57-65-68-77-80

Illinois
Hit or Miss Drive
02-03-05-07-08-09-11-13-17-18-21-22, GLN : 4
Hit or Miss Evening
04-06-07-08-09-10-12-15-16-17-18-22, GLN : 1
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New York gets ready for New Year's Eve celebration

By COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Waterford crystal ball is ready for its New Year's close-up.

The glittering 11,875-pound ball was tested Tuesday ahead of the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square, where tens of thousands of revelers are expected to ring in 2015. Workers coiled massive cables as the ball went up and down the flagpole atop 1 Times Square.

"It was such a difficult 2014, we're going to have a great celebration to ring in the new year," said Jeffrey Straus, president of the Times Square Alliance, which runs the event. "This is our opportunity to come together to celebrate the future."

Ryan Seacrest will host the countdown show, with Taylor Swift, Idina Menzel, Florida Georgia Line and Magic! among the musical guests. When the clock strikes midnight and the ball drops, so will 1 ton of confetti – scraps of paper with well wishes for the upcoming year.

The ball drop idea is being modeled around the country – Las Cruces, New Mexico, is holding a chile drop for the first time. Atlanta and Nashville, Tennessee, are hosting peach and music note drops.

In Boston, the mayor and police commissioner urged activists to hold off on a planned "die-in" protesting police violence during the city's annual festivities. Mayor Martin Walsh and Police Commissioner William Evans suggested the family friendly First Night event is not the proper venue to address recent police killings of unarmed black men and boys in the U.S.

No protests are planned so far in New York, where the police department is still mourning two officers shot to death in a patrol car on Dec. 20. But security will still be tight.

Each year, the New York Police Department assigns thousands of extra patrol officers to the festivities to control the crowd and watch for any signs of trouble. Visitors will see heavily armed counterterrorism teams and bomb-sniffing dogs. Rooftop patrols and NYPD helicopters will keep an eye on the crowd, and plainclothes officers will blend in with revelers.

The bomb squad and a unit specializing in chemical and biological threats will sweep hotels, theaters, construction sites and parking garages. They also will patrol the Times Square subway station and certain exits will be blocked off. The NYPD will rely on a network of thousands of closed-circuit security cameras blanketing lower Manhattan, parts of midtown Manhattan and the subway system.

After the show, sanitation crews will get to work cleaning up from the celebration, working through the night to rid the area of an estimated 50 tons of garbage including confetti, party hats and other leftovers from the revelry.

Temperatures are expected to be in the low-20s, and revelers are encouraged to dress warmly and in layers. Eager merrymakers often arrive hours early to get a good spot to view the show – but that means staying put behind metal police pens. There are no bathrooms and once people leave, they can't come back to their spot. Police check backpacks. No alcohol is allowed.

Man, 84, charged with killing older brother

CONOWINGO, Md. (AP) — Authorities say an 84-year-old Maryland man has been charged with fatally stabbing his older brother.

Cecil County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Michael Holmes says deputies found the body of 87-year-old George Carlton Richardson Sr. on Monday night.

Holmes says the body was in the backyard of the Conowingo home of Silas D. Richardson.

Deputies say Silas Richardson went to his brother's home Monday in Neptune Township, New Jersey, and told the man's girlfriend that George Richardson had died but he gave no details. Deputies then went to Silas' home to check things out.

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Conviction of Putin foe sets off protest in Moscow

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Associated Press

AP photo

Russian opposition activist and anti-corruption crusader Alexei Navalny, 38, in the car, arrives at a court in Moscow on Tuesday. The Moscow court on Monday moved up the date of its verdict in a criminal case against President Vladimir Putin's top foe Navalny in an apparent bid to derail a planned protest.

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin's chief political foe was convicted along with his brother on Tuesday in a fraud case widely seen as a vendetta by the Kremlin, triggering one of Russia's boldest anti-government demonstrations in years.

Police allowed a few thousand protesters to gather just outside Red Square for about two hours — a show of relative restraint for Russian authorities, who have little tolerance for dissent — before moving in to break up the unsanctioned rally by pushing the demonstrators toward subway entrances.

The rally came hours after anti-corruption campaigner Alexei Navalny was found guilty of what activists said were trumped-up charges and given a suspended sentence of 3 1/2 years. His younger brother was sent to prison, a move that drew comparisons to the Stalin-era practice of punishing family members of enemies of the state.

The 38-year old Navalny, a lawyer and popular blogger, rose to prominence with his investigations of official corruption and played a leading role in organizing anti-Putin demonstrations in Moscow in 2011 and 2012 that drew hundreds of thousands.

Navalny, who has been under house arrest since February, violated its terms to attend the rally and was rounded up by police as he approached the site. He later tweeted that police drove him home and blocked him from leaving his apartment.

The protesters, who gathered on the Manezh Square outside the Kremlin, chanted: "We are the power!" and "Russia without Putin!" Some shouted slogans of support for Ukraine, which saw its Crimean Peninsula annexed by Russia in March and has faced a pro-Russia insurgency in the east.

Scuffles erupted between the protesters and pro-Putin activists shouting, "Those who don't like Russia should go to the United States!" — the chants reflecting the Kremlin's depiction of opposition supporters as Western stooges.

The Russian authorities usually move quickly to break up opposition protests, and the unusual delay this time may reflect Kremlin concerns about fueling public anger amid the country's economic woes. The ruble has lost about half its value this year, and the economy is heading into recession under the combined weight of Western sanctions and slumping oil prices.

Police said they detained about 100 protesters, while activists claimed up to 250 were rounded up. Russian law requires demonstrators to get official clearance for rallies. Violators can face prison sentences and heavy fines.

Tuesday's verdict was not scheduled to come down until next month, but the court session was abruptly moved up to the day before New Year's Eve, the main holiday in Russia, in what was widely seen as an attempt to head off protests. Russia's main state-controlled TV stations all but avoided the story.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Jeff Rathke said the U.S. government was troubled by the verdict, which "appears to be another example of the Russian government's growing crackdown on independent voices."

European Union spokeswoman Maja Kocijancic said the charges hadn't been substantiated and the verdict "appeared to be politically motivated."

Navalny and his brother Oleg were convicted of cheating a French cosmetics company and given the same 3 1/2-year sentence, but only Navalny's was suspended. The court also fined each man 500,000 rubles (about $8,800) and ordered them to pay a total of about $77,000 in damages.

Oleg Navalny, the father of two small children and a former executive of the state-owned postal service, has never played a role in the Russian opposition movement. Alexei Navalny and his supporters portrayed the brother's prison sentence as a means of punishing Navalny himself.

"Aren't you ashamed of what you're doing? You want to punish me even harder?" Alexei Navalny shouted at Judge Yelena Korobchenko.

He entered the metal cage that his brother was put into after the verdict and appeared to hold back tears.

"This is the most disgusting and vile of all possible verdicts," Alexei Navalny said outside court.

"The government isn't just trying to jail its political opponents — we're used to it; we're aware that they're doing it — but this time they're destroying and torturing the families of the people who oppose them."

Independent Moscow-based political analyst Masha Lipman said the verdict is a message to the entire Russian opposition: "All of you guys are at our mercy."

Lipman said it was clear the Kremlin had decided not to make a martyr out of Navalny, with the aim being "not to consolidate the opposition, but to demoralize and intimidate it."

The suspended sentence could be converted into a prison term at any time if Navalny breaks the law. His lawyer Vadim Kobzev said he will remain under house arrest until all appeals by either side are exhausted, which could take months.

The trial seemed to be full of inconsistencies.

Prosecutors insisted that the brothers forced the Yves Rocher company "into disadvantageous contracts" and defrauded it of about $440,000.

An Yves Rocher executive submitted a complaint to investigators, but its representatives insisted throughout the trial that there was never any damage. Also, the French executive who wrote the complaint left Russia shortly afterward and never attended the hearings.

Navalny was found guilty of embezzlement in a different case in 2013 and sentenced to prison but was released the next day after thousands protested near the Kremlin. He finished a strong second in Moscow's mayoral election later that year.

Prosecutors order ferry back to Italy

By PAOLO SANTALUCIA, LLAZAR SEMINI and COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press

BRINDISI, Italy — Italian prosecutors on Tuesday ordered a crippled Greek ferry back to Italy for a criminal investigation, saying they feared more bodies will be found given the probable presence of stowaways and huge discrepancies in the names on the manifest and those rescued.

The fire-tinged Norman Atlantic was adrift for a third day off the Albanian coast, where two sailors were killed earlier Tuesday when a tow line attempting to secure it to a tugboat apparently snapped, Albanian officials said.

The Italian coast guard said another body from the ferry was found Tuesday, bringing the death toll to 11. Three of the victims were Italian truck drivers who worked for the Naples-based Eurofish company and had gone to pick up eel shipments in Greece. The company was closed for the day in mourning.

More than 400 people were rescued from the ferry, most in daring, nighttime helicopter sorties that persisted despite high winds and seas, after a fire broke out before dawn Sunday on a car deck. Both Italian and Greek authorities have announced criminal investigations into the cause of the blaze.

Italian prosecutors secured jurisdiction over the case from Albanian judicial authorities, citing the ship's Italian owner and Italian captain.

Bari prosecutor Giuseppe Volpe, who ordered the ferry back to the Italian port of Brindisi, said it was likely that other bodies will be found in the cargo areas of the ferry once searched, given that there was "incontrovertible" evidence that migrants were stowed away onboard.

"Our fear is that unfortunately once the wreck is recovered, we'll find other dead people on board," he said.

The search for possible missing people continued in the seas off Albania amid ongoing confusion over how many passengers were on board. The ferry company said there were 475 on board, but Volpe said there were at least 18 "overbookings" and an untold number of stowaways.

Greek authorities said the ship had a capacity of 499 passengers.

Greek coast guard spokesman Nikos Lagadianos said all information on rescued passengers was coming from Italian authorities, who were in charge of the search and rescue operation.

"It's not easy to answer accurately how many people have been saved, and what nationalities. All that will take time," he said. "We fully understand the anxiety of the relatives, but this requires great care."

Greek maritime officials, meanwhile, revealed that the first word about the problems on board the ship came from a passenger, not the crew, calling an emergency number.

"We are aboard the Norman Atlantic of Anek lines heading for Ancona and it is on fire," the passenger said in the call, a recording of which was played out during a news conference. "My name is Argyris Stavros, the ship is on fire and they don't know what to do. ... I don't know what time it is, what time is it? It's 5:40."

Officials said that once the alarm had been raised, there were also language problems in communicating with the ferry's Italian captain.

"The Italian captain couldn't give us information. We always had to talk to somebody beside him," said Rear Adm. Nikolaos Patrinos, head of the coast guard's security operations. "In such circumstances, time is money and we didn't have time to spare."

AP photo

Smoke billows Tuesday from the Italian-flagged Norman Atlantic ferry that caught fire in the Adriatic Sea. The disaster caused the death of at least 11 people.

Fukushima radioactivity took 2.1 years to cross Pacific

By DEBORAH NETBURN
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

How long did it take a radioactive plume to travel the waters of the Pacific from Fukushima, Japan, to the shores of North America?

The answer, according to a new study published in PNAS, is about 2.1 years.

After an earthquake-triggered tsunami damaged the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in March 2011, a team of Canadian scientists saw an opportunity to put models of Pacific Ocean current speeds to the test.

After the tsunami struck, the plant released cesium 134 and cesium 137 into the ocean. The researchers knew that a small percentage of this radioactive material would be carried by currents across the Pacific, eventually reaching the west coast of North America.

Computer models could predict when this might happen, but by taking actual samples of the ocean water and testing them for cesium 134 and cesium 137 the scientists could see for certain when it happened.

"We had a situation where the radioactive tracer was deposited at a very specific location off the coast of Japan at a very specific time," said John Smith, a research scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and the lead author of the paper.

"It was kind of like a dye experiment," he added. "And it is unambiguous– you either see the signal or you don't, and when you see it you know exactly what you are measuring."

Just three months after the tsunami, Smith and his team began sampling ocean water from as far as 930 miles off the coast of British Columbia. They took measurements from the same sites every June from 2011 to 2013, collecting 60 liters of water and then analyzing it for traces of cesium 134 and cesium 137.

Searchers find wreckage, bodies from AirAsia jet

By DEWI NURCAHYANI AND ROBIN MCDOWELL
Associated Press

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia — The first proof of the fate of AirAsia Flight 8501 emerged Tuesday from the shallow, aqua-colored waters of the Java Sea, confirming that the plane crashed with 162 people aboard in an area not far from where it dropped off radar screens.

Two days after the jet vanished, searchers found as many as six bodies and debris that included a life jacket, an emergency exit door and a suitcase about 10 miles from the plane's last known coordinates.

The airliner's disappearance halfway through a two-hour flight between Surabaya, Indonesia, and Singapore triggered an international hunt for the aircraft involving dozens of planes, ships and helicopters. It is still unclear what brought the plane down.

Images of the debris and a bloated body shown on Indonesian television sent a spasm of anguish through the room at the Surabaya airport where relatives awaited news.

The first sign of the jet turned up about 10 miles from its last known coordinates. Parts of the interior, including the oxygen tank, were brought to the nearest town, Pangkalan Bun. Another find included a bright blue plastic suitcase, completely unscratched.

"I know the plane has crashed, but I cannot believe my brother and his family are dead," said Ifan Joko, who lost seven relatives, three of them children, as they traveled to Singapore to ring in the new year. "We still pray they are alive."

First Adm. Sigit Setiayanta, commander of the Naval Aviation Center at Surabaya Air Force base, told reporters six corpses were spotted about 100 miles from Central Kalimantan province.

Rescue workers descended on ropes from a hovering helicopter to retrieve bodies. Efforts were hindered by 2-meter (6-foot) waves and strong winds, National Search and Rescue Director SB Supriyadi said.

The first body was later picked up by a navy ship. Officials said as many as six others followed, but they disagreed about the exact number.

Supriyadi was on the aircraft and saw what appeared to be more wreckage under the water, which was clear and a relatively shallow 65 to 100 feet.

When TV broadcast an image of a half-naked man floating in the water, a shirt partially covering his head, many of the family members screamed and wailed uncontrollably. One middle-aged man collapsed and had to be carried out on a stretcher.

Their horror was captured by cameras on the other side of windows into the waiting room. Officials blacked out the glass later Tuesday evening.

Around 125 family members were planning to travel Wednesday to Pangkalan Bun to start identifying their loved ones. Body bags and coffins have been prepared at hospitals there. Dozens of elite military divers will join the massive search. They were desperate to search the water ahead of approaching rough weather.

Malaysia-based AirAsia's loss comes on top of the still-unsolved disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 in March with 239 people aboard, and the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 in July over Ukraine, which killed all 298 passengers and crew.

Nearly all the passengers and crew were Indonesians, who are frequent visitors to Singapore, particularly on holidays.

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Hits and misses in 2014

Prediction is difficult, especially about the future," Yogi Berra once said. Wait – let me correct that. It wasn't Yogi Berra; it was Niels Bohr. Or maybe Mark Twain.

It's correction time. For columnists, the end of the year is a time to shed the flimsy mantle of omniscience and eat some crow. That's easy to do when your job is to think out loud twice a week.

Doyle McManus

At the beginning of 2014, I forecast bravely that after a rough 2013, capped by the disastrous rollout of his healthcare plan, things might be looking up for President Obama.

For one thing, he had nowhere to go but up; his popularity was near an all-time low. For another, I offered, "2014 is an election year, and Obama has always been better at campaigning than governing." I must have forgotten the drubbing his party took in the 2010 midterm election when Obama campaigned vigorously.

"If he can survive Year 6 with a healthy economy, healthcare intact, the Senate in Democratic hands and no new disasters, that will look like success," I concluded.

So how did Obama do? Two out of four. The economy's in good shape, and unemployment is slowly falling. Obamacare is rumbling ahead, although the Supreme Court could complicate that soon. On the other side of the ledger, the Democrats lost the Senate by a wide margin.

As for "no new disasters," that's mostly true – although events did pull the president into a war in Iraq that he didn't want to fight. His popularity? Still near an all-time low.

While we're on elections, though, I want to point out that I wasn't consistently wrong – or even consistent. By March, I was predicting – not very boldly – that this year's congressional elections overall would be a loss for the Democrats, because that's what often happens to the party that controls the White House in the sixth year of a presidency.

Charlie Cook, the dean of congressional-election prognosticators, called their prospects "grisly" – good word! – and said Republicans might well pick up the six seats they needed for a Senate majority. "Unless the economy and Obamacare look better to voters seven months from now, don't be surprised to see the GOP do even better than that," I wrote in a moment of abnormal wisdom. In November, the GOP did much better, by adding nine Senate seats.

I didn't stay that smart for long, though. In September, I wrote that the battle for the Senate was narrowing.

"Endangered Democratic incumbents in North Carolina and Alaska are waging surprisingly strong campaigns," I wrote, "and a Republican incumbent in Kansas is in unexpected trouble."

Not even close. Those Democratic incumbents in Alaska and North Carolina lost decisively, and the "endangered" Kansas Republican won by 10 percentage points. What went wrong? My journalistic bias kicked in. Not partisan bias; dramatic bias. Like most reporters, I yearn for close elections, not landslides. All it took was a few suggestive polls.

But the election wasn't just a horse race; it was a battle over how the country should be governed. Did the GOP victory presage two more years of gridlock, or would Republicans find a way to make Congress work again?

I was a skeptic. When the House of Representatives took up a bill to fund the federal government through most of 2015, tea party Republicans said they'd block it unless Obama reversed his decision to allow millions of immigrants to stay in the country illegally. "Last month's election didn't change Congress much, at least in the short run," I wrote after hearing them rage. "We're still heading toward the same kind of cliffhanger that we've seen on spending bills for the last three years."

As it turned out, we weren't. Dozens of Democrats joined with pragmatic Republicans to pass a spending bill in an unexpected win for bipartisanship.

Did I get anything right? Sure.

I managed to figure out early in the year that both Hillary Rodham Clinton and Jeb Bush were serious about running for president. When near panic broke out over Ebola, I wrote that the fear seemed out of proportion to the risks in the United States.

And, unfortunately, I was right about at least one long-term trend in foreign policy: the global chaos that's becoming the new normal.

"The reason isn't that the great powers are no longer powerful," I wrote. "The difference is that their opponents – balky local governments, insurrectionists and jihadists alike – are more potent than they used to be (and) powers like the United States have lost their appetite for fighting long counter-insurgency wars."

But let's finish the year on a more optimistic note.

You'd think I'd have learned by now that predicting a successful year for Obama is a triumph of hope over experience. But here's what I wrote in November:

"By the end of Obama's presidency, the Federal Reserve projects, unemployment will have fallen from the current 5.8 percent to somewhere near 5 percent," I wrote.

"If that keeps up, Barack Obama just might leave the White House in January 2017 in a glow of success as the president who ended the Great Recession, brought two wars to a close and made health insurance available to millions."

Sound unlikely? Sure. But let's see how things look a year from now. If I was wrong, I promise to fess up.

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2014 was a big year for bureaucrats

Oh, to be able to sum up a whole year in under 700 words. Can I do it? What will I say? Well, if I keep this up, I can be finished in another 663. Now to the task before me.

2014 brought about two changes to our health care coverage because of Obamacare. My doctor retired early due partly to Obamacare. My dog died due to Obamacare. Oh, I forgot. I don't have a dog. I am sure the reason is that Obamacare made it too expensive to own a pet.

Billy Long

Opinion Maker

I started drawing Social Security in 2014. The picture is not very good and it is way too small. I was never an artist anyway. I retired after 42 years at Apostolic Tabernacle. I became youth pastor right out of Bible College and just hung around. They didn't know what to do with me, so they made me senior pastor for the last 28 years. But did I really retire in 2014? What time is it at exactly 12 a.m. on Dec. 31? Is that 2014 or 2015? That seems to be a gray area. We all know that pastors abhor gray areas. They allow too many people to misunderstand what you are trying to explain. However, it does allow you to say you did not say what you did say. Wait. I am confusing being a pastor with being a politician.

Speaking of politicians. Did you hear about the big Republican win in the 2014 elections? The message was clear. Roll over, play dead, and cooperate with the losing party's ideas. If you don't do that, then you will lose big in the next election. Any good analyst will tell you that the vote was about getting something done and that only the president and the senate majority leader and the house minority leader had any good ideas. So next time, do what usually happens so Democrats will win. Vote early and vote often. You won't need identification. Just show up. You can vote for two presidents in one election. You can vote for the president of the wonderful country you loved so much you had to leave and for the president of the horrible racist, bigoted, homophobic country that you were forced to come too. Isn't America grand? No other country on earth allows that.

2014 was also great for executive actions. When done by executives that work for BIG business, then those actions are done only for the rich and to destroy the little man. But when it is done by an executive who works for BIG government, then it is done with no agenda except to help the little guy in the middle class. It is amazing the transformation that happens when a politician ceases to be a common citizen and becomes a bureaucrat. They immediately stop being a greedy, money hungry corporate capitalist and become a smart person who cares not for personal gain, as long as the poor man is helped.

Oh, that is only Democrats who do that. The Republicans still favor BIG business over the little guy and stay dumb. That is why there are so many more wealthy Democrats than Republicans. Republicans did not realize how stupid the American people were or they too would have passed laws that were not transparent. They would have joined a bipartisan effort to lie to the American people.

Speaking of lying, have any of you heard of Jonathan Gruber? Neither have any Democrats in the White House or Congress. Apparently he was just decoration used in the Oval Office in order to enhance the architecture of legislation. Obviously he was hidden by the lack of transparency.

So much for 2014. Now for 2015. I predict that 2015 will bring a year of harmony between the mayor and the city commission of Benton Harbor. St. Joseph will welcome new business and business expansion with open arms and minds. Peace will guide our planet and love will steer the stars. Happy New Year everyone.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Make a resolution to be a blood donor

The American Red Cross asks eligible blood donors to make a resolution to give blood regularly in 2015, beginning with National Blood Donor Month in January.

National Blood Donor Month recognizes the importance of giving blood and platelets while honoring those who roll up a sleeve to help patients in need. It has been observed during January since 1970, and that's no coincidence. Winter is an especially difficult time to collect enough blood to meet patient needs. Unpredictable winter weather can result in blood drive cancelations, and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, may cause some donors to be unable to make or keep blood donation appointments.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. With a shelf life of 42 days, red blood cells must be constantly replenished to maintain an adequate supply for patients. Individuals who come out to give blood Jan. 1 through Jan. 4 will receive a long-sleeve Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

It's easy to donate blood. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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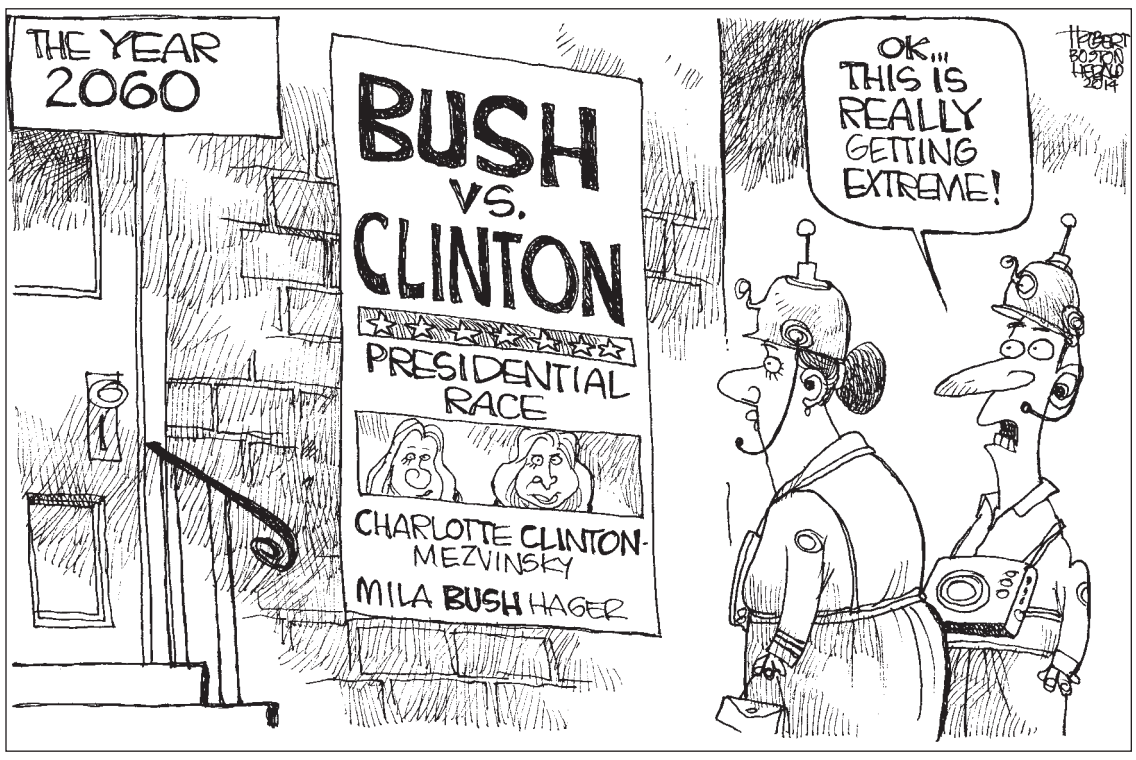

Pragmatism, not emotion, must guide U.S. policy toward Cuba

By MARY SANCHEZ
Tribune Content Agency

With all due respect." That's a fitting sentiment to express to Cuban-Americans angered by President Obama's decision to restore diplomatic relations with Cuba.

Their emotions run deep, an indication of the decades of loss and hardship they and their parents experienced as exiles making a new life in a foreign land. To dismiss that pain would be cruel and unjust.

On the other hand, those feelings are not a sufficient reason to maintain an outmoded and failed policy. Rather, we must acknowledge that the United States' objective remains the same: to bring about in Cuba a transition to democracy that makes its people freer and more prosperous. What's changing is the strategy.

This is hard for many Cuban-Americans to accept, especially those in politics. You could hear it in the adamant tone of Sen. Marco Rubio as he pounded through media interviews after the announcement of the administration's new policy, which aims also to diminish trade and travel restrictions.

Rubio cast his feelings in strong language. He called the shift "willfully ignorant." It is "absurd" and a concession to oppressors and tyranny.

This language speaks for a community that for the most part chose to leave its homeland not for economic opportunity but because to stay there they risked losing their liberty or even their lives. Most of them left behind their livelihoods, and many left homes, businesses, property and other wealth for which they would never be compensated.

New Year's Day will mark the 56th anniversary of Fidel Castro's overthrow of Fulgencio Batista and the beginning of Castro's regime. The turmoil and suffering the revolution created for families who fled the island is now often channeled through their children.

Rubio, it should be noted, is not one of these. His parent emigrated before Castro came to power. Yet he sticks to the Cold War script, expressed with typical Republican bluster. He denounced Obama the "single worst negotiator" serving as president in his 43-year lifetime.

No, senator. The U.S.-imposed trade embargo has not toppled the communist regime in Cuba, and it will not. Our country's stand against the Castro regime was always mostly about the geopolitical threat to us, our country, than it was about the oppression of the Cuban people. The latter is important to us, and always must be, but the geopolitical threat is gone and a new approach is needed. Obama understands that.

Rubio may be gallantly standing up for the honor of the Cuban emigres, for family loyalty, but what exactly does he think he's doing for actual Cubans?

A common refrain among Cuban-Americans is that the U.S. just needs to cling a little longer to the sanctions. We're so close, some argue. Just wait a few more years and Fidel Castro will be dead. Venezuela will continue to falter and be unable to prop up Cuba with its oil fortune. As if Raul Castro isn't now well in control, along with the rest of the Communist Party.

It is time to approach Cuba – cautiously – with a policy of strategic engagement. Isolation has not worked and will not work. One need only consider the other sensational news item this week, involving another totalitarian regime supposedly on its last legs. North Korea was revealed as the force behind the hacking of Sony Pictures and the terroristic threats that prompted the company to pull an upcoming movie from distribution.

In today's world, even impoverished, isolated rogue nations can use "asymmetrical" tactics, aided by technology, to attack greater powers such as ourselves. Our approach to Cuba ought to be to help it participate in regional trade and prosperity in exchange for ensuring human rights for its citizens and democratic reforms.

Part of the agreement between our nations, hammered out in meetings in Canada and at the Vatican, includes the release of 53 political prisoners from Cuban jails. Tracing what happens to those people next, and monitoring that the jails do not refill, is exactly how the U.S. will press for human rights.

Cuba for too many Americans has become an almost mythical land trapped in a charming time warp. Rubio is right to imply that far too many of us don't fully grasp that Cubans are trapped in a very different and sinister way, their lives controlled and monitored by the Castros.

He's wrong, however, to claim that the U.S. government's new approach is not aimed at freeing them.

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Prosecutor in Garner case ponders Grimm seat

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Potential candidates eyed a New York congressional seat Tuesday as Republican Rep. Michael Grimm announced his resignation, following a guilty plea on tax evasion charges.

Among the possible candidates is a Staten Island prosecutor who oversaw a case in which a white New York City police officer was cleared in the death of a black man in an apparent chokehold. Two state lawmakers and a former congressman who was unseated by Grimm could also be interested in the open seat.

House Speaker John Boehner called Grimm's resignation "honorable," saying Grimm made his decision "with the best interests of his constituents and the institution (of the House) in mind."

Grimm, a New York Republican, had vowed to stay in Congress as long as he could, even after his guilty plea last week. But he said Monday night that he plans to resign effective Jan. 5.

Grimm said he did not believe he could be fully effective in the new Congress and needed to start the next chapter of his life.

"The events which led to this day did not break my spirit, nor the will of the voters," Grimm said. "However, I do not believe that I can continue to be 100 percent effective in the next Congress."

Grimm, 44, of Staten Island, pleaded guilty last week to aiding in the filing of a false tax return related to a Manhattan restaurant he ran before being elected to Congress.

Grimm made national headlines last year after he was captured on camera threatening to throw a reporter off a Capitol balcony following President B

rack Obama's State of the Union address. The threat came after the reporter asked Grimm about an FBI probe into his campaign finances.

The new Congress is scheduled to convene Jan. 6, and Grimm's presence would have been a distraction for Republicans who will control both the House and the Senate.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and the Democratic National Committee had called on Grimm to resign.

Democratic New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo will set the date of the special election and must give between 70 and 80 days' notice. The scheduling process won't begin until the state is formerly notified of the vacancy by the U.S. House of Representatives. The candidates would be chosen without a primary by the political parties or by petition.

A Cuomo spokesman declined to comment Tuesday.

At least two prominent Republicans said Tuesday they were considering the race. Staten Island District Attorney Daniel Donovan and state Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis were among several potential GOP candidates, with Donovan considered the frontrunner. Donovan was the prosecutor in a case in which a grand jury cleared a white New York City police officer in the death of Eric Garner, a black man, after being placed in an apparent chokehold.

Garner's death touched off nationwide protests and was one of two police killings cited by a gunman who murdered two New York City police officers this month.

Donovan said in a statement Tuesday that he was "deeply flattered by the enthusiastic expressions of support" he has received since Grimm announced his intention to resign, adding that he was "very seriously considering the race."

Malliotakis said in an interview that she was "looking at the race" and noted that she was the only Republican who has represented both Brooklyn and Staten Island.

"I've won races on both sides of the bridge," she said.

Possible Democratic candidates include state Assemblyman Michael Cusick and former U.S. Rep. Michael McMahon, who lost to Grimm in 2010. Former city council member Domenic Recchia, who lost to Grimm last month, is considered unlikely to run.

Staten Island Democratic Chairman John Gulino said both Cusick and McMahon would be strong candidates in the Staten Island-based district, which Obama carried in 2012.

"Both are gentlemen and both are men of character," Gulino said.

Grimm, a former Marine and FBI agent, was elected to Congress in 2010, scoring an upset win over McMahon, a first-term congressman.

According to the indictment, the tax fraud began in 2007 after Grimm retired from the FBI and began investing in a small Manhattan restaurant called Healthalicious.

The indictment accused him of underreporting more than $1 million in wages and receipts to evade payroll, income and sales taxes, partly by paying immigrant workers, some of them in the country illegally, in cash.

"The congressman fully embraces and accepts his responsibility for his actions," his lawyer, Stuart N. Kaplan, said in a statement Tuesday, adding that Grimm "shows great humility in moving forward for himself, as well as his constituents, to resign."

Grimm's sentencing is scheduled for June 8. Prosecutors said a range of 24 to 30 months in prison would be appropriate, while the defense estimated the appropriate sentence as between 12 and 18 months.

John Minchillo / AP

Rep. Michael Grimm, center, leaving Federal court in Brooklyn Dec. 23 after pleading guilty to a federal tax evasion charge rather than go to trial in New York. A Republican source says the New York congressman is expected to resign before Congress returns to Washington next week. Following his conviction, Grimm had said he would stay in Congress as long as he could. But Grimm reportedly talked with House Speaker John Boehner Monday, and will instead step down.

GOP leader Scalise regrets talk to white supremacists

By CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders rallied around one of their own, Whip Steve Scalise, on Tuesday after he said he regrets speaking 12 years ago to a white supremacist organization and condemns the views of such groups.

The supportive statements suggest party leaders think the flare-up will fade during the holidays, with a new Congress set to convene next week. Several Democrats criticized the Louisiana lawmaker but did not call for his resignation.

Scalise said that as a state legislator in 2002, he spoke to many groups about a major tax issue. "One of the many groups that I spoke to regarding this critical legislation was a group whose views I wholeheartedly condemn," he said in a statement Tuesday. "It was a mistake I regret, and I emphatically oppose the divisive racial and religious views groups like these hold."

Republican leaders defended Scalise within minutes.

House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio said Scalise "made an error in judgment, and he was right to acknowledge it was wrong and inappropriate." Boehner said Scalise "has my full confidence as our Whip."

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California said Scalise "acknowledged he made a mistake and has condemned the views that organization espouses. I've known him as a friend for many years and I know that he does not share the beliefs of that organization."

Scalise also won a key endorsement Monday from Rep. Cedric Richmond, who will be Louisiana's only Democrat and only black in Congress when the new Congress convenes next week. Richmond told NOLA.com: "I don't think Steve Scalise has a racist bone in his body." He said he has worked closely with Scalise and "I am not going to let them use Steve as a scapegoat to score political points when I know him and know his family."

Louisiana's Republican governor, Bobby Jindal, also defended the congressman.

Scalise acknowledged speaking at a 2002 Louisiana convention of the European-American Unity and Rights Organization, which called itself EURO. Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke founded the group, which the Southern Poverty Law Center has classified as a hate group.

In an interview Monday with The Times-Picayune of New Orleans and NOLA.com, Scalise said he had little staffing as a state legislator, and didn't always know details of groups he was invited to address. "I didn't know who all of these groups were, and I detest any kind of hate group," Scalise told the newspaper.

His statement Tuesday did not deal with the issue of weak staffing or sketchy knowledge of his audiences in 2002. Scalise, who is Catholic, said "these groups hold views that are vehemently opposed to my own personal faith, and I reject that kind of hateful bigotry."

Louisiana Republicans say Duke, who ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1991, did not attend the 2002 EURO convention, but addressed it at one point by phone.

In his NOLA.com interview, Scalise said he knew about Duke, but indicated he didn't recognize Duke's connection to the group.

"Everyone knew who he was," Scalise told NOLA.com. "I would not go to any group that he was a part of."

Democrats were measured in their criticisms. For instance, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi's office issued a statement not from her but from her spokesman, Drew Hammill.

It said Scalise's "involvement with a group classified by the Anti-Defamation League as anti-Semitic and the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group is deeply troubling for a top Republican leader in the House. "

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee criticized Scalise in an earlier statement on Tuesday, saying he "chose to cheerlead for a group of KKK members and neo-Nazis at a white supremacist rally." The statement questioned why the GOP leadership had remained silent.

Scalise, 49, ascended to his leadership post in June in the chain of events that followed then-Majority Leader Eric Cantor's surprise defeat in a Republican primary.

Scalise won the whip race with the solid backing of House conservatives, particularly Southerners who wanted a greater leadership voice considering the region's role in giving Republicans their largest House majority since President Herbert Hoover's administration at the start of the Great Depression.

Obituaries

Ruth Kissinger

Ruth Meta Kissinger, 79, of Bridgman passed away Dec. 9, 2014, after a brief battle with cancer.

KISSINGER

She was born to Max and Herta Piekarek on July 26, 1935, in Germany, where she lived until 1951, when her family immigrated to America on the ship the Gen. Harry Taylor. She completed high school at Adelphian Seventh-day Adventist Academy in Holly, Mich., class of 1953. On Jan. 30, 1954, she married Phillip Kissinger, also from Germany. They were happily married for 60 years. They lived in the Detroit area for 40 years, then retired to Bridgman to live on their 80-acre farm and be near their children and grandchildren for the last 20 years. Ruth was a lifetime member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She served as a children's Sabbath school teacher, deaconess, and church board and school board member. As a stay-at-home mother, she was known as a wonderful cook and baker. Her greatest passion was being an adventurous and fun-loving mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Max and Herta Piekarek; husband, Phillip Kissinger; and daughter, Karen Clewell.

Surviving are her brother, Karl (Anita) Piekarek; her admiring children: Lenhart (Darla) Kissinger, Barbara (Bill) Davis and Donald (Erika) Kissinger; son-in-law, Bobby Clewell; her grandchildren: Karla (Justin) Neu, Kristi Kissinger, Kayla Davis, Michael Davis, Ryan (Jennifer) Davis, Samantha Kissinger and Phillip Kissinger; and great-grandchildren: Andrew, Ella, Alaina and Caden.

Ruth was buried Dec. 11, 2014, in Graceland Cemetery in Bridgman, with her family in attendance and Allred Funeral Home of Berrien Springs presiding.

A memorial service in her honor will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, at Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs. Online messages for her family may be left at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Carole Boothby

Carole Boothby, 83, longtime resident of the Berrien Springs area, died peacefully at her home Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014.

BOOTHBY

She was born in Wisconsin on April 7, 1931. She graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). In 1953 she married Lee Boothby, eventually settling in Berrien Springs, where she taught grade school until she started raising her family.

Carole was a voracious reader and for a time enjoyed creating ceramics. She was talented in the kitchen, and her family and friends loved sampling her fabulous delicacies.

Carole touched the lives of everyone she met; she was a caring friend and a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be sorely missed.

Carole was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ethel (Smith) Larson; her brothers, Clyde W. Larson and Randolph J. Larson; and only a few short weeks ago by her husband, Lee Boothby.

Carole is survived by her daughters, Robin (Clarke) Allen and Denise (Sam) Soranno; grandchildren: Joel (Kelly) Rayner, Nicholas (Valerie) Allen and Kayla Moran; and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, at Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs, with visitation at 10:30 a.m. Memories for the family may be left online at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Zakary Svorec

Zakary Thomas Svorec, 23, of Benton Harbor passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014, at home.

SVOREC

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, with Chaplain Michael Teed officiating. Cremation will follow the services. Friends may visit from 9-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Alano House of Southwest Michigan, 4162 Red Arrow Highway, Stevensville, MI 49127. Those wishing to sign Zak's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Zak was born Feb. 19, 1991, in Berrien Center to Raymond Jr. and Laura (Ellis) Svorec. He graduated from Stewart County High School in Dover, Tenn., and attended Lake Michigan College, where he earned two welding certifications.

He was employed as a fabricator at Innovative Iron in Wyoming, Mich. Zak played football for Eau Claire Junior High and enjoyed college and pro football, especially the Michigan Wolverines and the Detroit Lions.

He also enjoyed country music and loved his puppy dogs.

Zak is survived by his parents: Laura (Bill Oehler) Ellis-Oehler of Sodus and Raymond Svorec Jr. of Coloma; siblings: Kylie Svorec of Stevensville, Christopher Oehler Sr. of Sodus, Shannon (Scott) Zuhl of Benton Harbor and Raymond Gary of South Carolina; grandmothers, Shirley Mason of Coloma and Lavada Ellis of Benton Harbor; special aunt, Jeana Brewer of Niles; special nephew, Christopher Oehler Jr.; a large extended family; and his best friends, Jonathon and Crystal Brown of Sodus. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Tommie Ellis and Raymond Svorec Sr.

Merisa Watkins

Merisa A. Watkins, 47, of Benton Harbor departed this life Dec. 20, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. A service celebrating her life will be Friday, Jan. 2, at St. Mark Baptist Church in Benton Harbor. Visitation begins at 10 a.m., followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.familyfuneralhomebh.org.

WATKINS

Merisa was born June 16, 1967, in Berrien Springs to Esther and Earnest Watkins. She enjoyed cooking, family, dancing and blues music.

Merisa was known as a humble person, and those she met became attached to her.

Merisa is survived by her parents; daughters, Danielle Watkins and Keisha Watkins; sons, Gary Watkins and Steve Walls; sisters, Annette Gentry and Victory Gayfield; brother, James Moore; 11 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, family and friends.

Merisa was preceded in death by two brothers, Craig Moore and Demarko Watkins.

Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1989

The Exchange Club of Benton Harbor-St. Joseph isn't a new club, it just has a new name. The club, formerly the Benton Harbor Exchange Club, has been granted the name change by the National Exchange Club, according to club President Jim Cassidy.

Area ski resorts are hoping a big two-week holiday period will put some zing in their cash registers. The period normally accounts for 20 to 30 percent of the business for the whole year at Timber Ridge Ski Area east of Gobles.

35 years ago – 1979

The city of St. Joseph saw some big changes in its downtown area in 1979. The State Street semi-mall project was completed, work began on a $1.25 million art center, and all but three structures in a proposed two-block office district were razed to make way for redevelopment. The $650,000 State Street project was designed to make the downtown area more attractive and convenient for shopping and is a major part of the city's efforts to keep the downtown area flourishing.

50 years ago – 1964

The 60th anniversary year of Mercy Hospital saw the institution reach record levels of service. Administrator C.T. Loftus announced that total services in 1964 increased 10 percent over the previous year and more patients were cared for than in any other year in the hospital's history.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2014.

Highlight in History:

On Dec. 31, 1904, New York's Times Square saw its first New Year's Eve celebration, with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance.

On this date:

In 1514, physician Andreas Vesalius, who wrote and illustrated the first comprehensive books on human anatomy, was born in Brussels.

In 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1951, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than $12 billion in foreign aid.

In 1969, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was shot to death with his wife and daughter in their Clarksville, Pennsylvania, home by hitmen acting at the orders of UMWA president Tony Boyle.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Snow Possible	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Rain/Snow	Snow Possible
22º	19º	29º / 25º	32º / 26º	34º / 26º	32º / 17º

Local Outlook

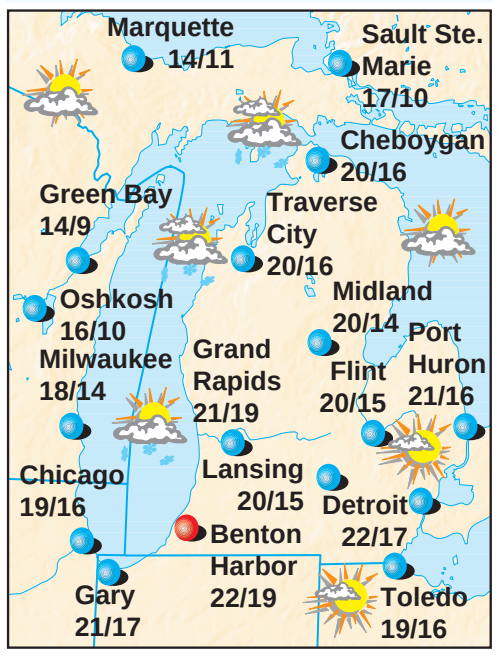
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 22º, humidity of 42%. Southwest wind 15 to 25 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 19º. Southwest wind 25 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise . . . . . 8:14 a.m.
Sunset . . . . . 5:24 p.m.
Moonrise. . . . . 2:16 p.m.
Moonset . . . . . 3:38 a.m.

Full 1/4 · Last 1/13 · New 1/20 · First 1/26

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High 24º
Low 20º
Normal High 31º
Normal Low 19º
Record High . . . . . 58º in 1965
Record Low . . . . . -7º in 1983

Precipitation

Yesterday . . . . . 0.01"
Month to date . . . . . 1.45"
Normal month to date . . . . 2.63"
Year to date . . . . . 26.56"
Normal year to date . . . . 36.96"

Air Quality

Yesterday..... 23
Main Offender.....Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50.....Good
51-100.....Moderate
101-150....Sensitive
151-200..Unhealthy

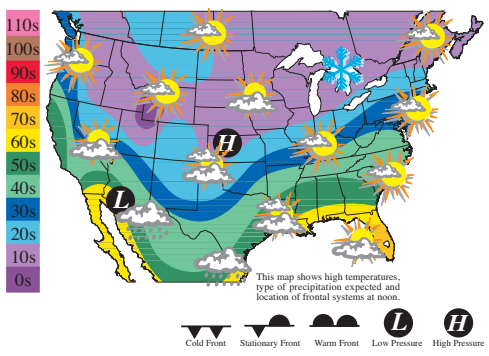
Weather Trivia

What is the most snowfall recorded over a 24-hour period?

Answer: On April 14th and 15th of 1921, Silver Lake, Colorado had 75.8 inches.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Dec. 31, 2014



Lake Michigan

Today, west winds to 30 kt becoming southwest gales to 40 kt in the afternoon. Freezing spray. Scattered snow showers. Waves building to 8 to 12 ft occasionally to 15 ft in the afternoon.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today we will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated snow, highs in the teens. Southwest wind 20 to 25 mph. Thursday, skies will remain partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered snow.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with isolated snow, highs in the low 20s. West southwest wind 14 to 21 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies to continue Thursday with highs in the upper 20s.

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Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

Influenza activity was considered "widespread" in 36 states during week 51, according to the CDC's most recent FluView report. These states included Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Another 10 states (Alabama, Arizona, Idaho, Maine, Nevada, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia) had "regional" flu activity, two (Alaska and Oregon) and the District of Columbia had "local" activity, and two (California and Hawaii) had "sporadic" flu activity.

At least 2,643 people have been hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed cases of the flu since Oct. 1, the CDC reported. That works out to a hospitalization rate of 9.7 hospitalizations per 100,000 Americans.

But the risk wasn't the same for all age groups. Senior citizens had the highest hospitalization rate, at 38.3 per 100,000 people. They were followed by children under the age of 5, who were hospitalized at a rate of 13.4 per 100,000.

More than 95 percent of the hospitalizations this flu season were the result of infection with an H3N2 strain of influenza, according to the CDC. Years that are dominated by H3N2 strains tend to involve more cases of severe illness and death, Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the CDC, has warned.

Complicating matters is the fact that the H3N2 flu strain that's dominant in the U.S. right now is not the one that was targeted by the flu vaccines distributed in North America. Those vaccines were designed to fight an H3N2 strain known as A/Texas/50/2012, but only about one-third of the H3N2 viruses the CDC has tested since Oct. 1 are of that type. Most of the rest are of the A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 variety, which emerged in the U.S. in March – after the vaccines were already in production.

The CDC's surveillance continues to show that the other strains picked for the North American vaccines were on target, including the H1N1 virus A/California/7/2009 and the influenza B viruses Yamagata/16/88 and B/Victoria/02/87.

The FluView report also notes that all of the virus samples tested this fall have been susceptible to the main-line medicines Tamiflu (oseltamivir) and Relenza (zanamivir) as well as a new drug called Rapivab (peramivir).

CAMS

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said New Jersey state Sen. Michael Doherty, an opponent. "They'd come in with the red-light cameras and expand to speeding cameras."

New Jersey's red-light program was beset with problems: a yellow-light timing controversy that caused the cameras to be shut down temporarily; a computer glitch that voided thousands of tickets; and a federal lawsuit initiated by one resident that led to refunds for hundreds of thousands of motorists.

Traffic cameras have also been contentious in Ohio, where the governor signed a bill this month requiring a police officer to be present for traffic-camera citations, something camera proponents say negates the practicality of using them to stretch police resources.

"It makes no sense to me," said Adam Loukx, city law director for Toledo. "It seems worse than whatever they thought they were curing."

State Sen. Bill Seitz, of Cincinnati, who sponsored the bill, said cameras can have their benefits in areas such as school zones, but they too often have resulted in needless ticketing for harmless offenses.

"I think the cities took a kernel of a good idea and put it on steroids and managed to anger a significant amount of the population," Seitz said.

Critics also charge that towns are more interested in revenue than improving safety. Toledo resident Joel Clark said it's clear to him that the cameras are money makers.

"They know where to put them to make the money," he said. "My buddy got four in a week before he knew the camera was there. That's what, $500? That's crazy."

Some consider the cameras a valuable safety tool, despite missteps.

"The research is clear that photo enforcement works," said Russ Rader, IIHS senior vice president. "It's effective in reducing violations and in reducing crashes, both red-light cameras and speed cameras. There is no question that lives will be lost because New Jersey has decided to end the program."

Except for parts of the Midwest, both types of cameras can be hard to avoid. A motorist could take a southwestern route from New Jersey to California and pass through only one state – Mississippi – where neither form of camera is in use.

The three states bordering New Jersey all use some form of traffic enforcement cameras, as do nearly half of all states.

In Arizona, speed cameras were used for two years on state highways before Gov. Jan Brewer banned them in 2010. Speeding and red-light cameras are still used in some municipalities after legislative attempts to ban them failed. The state also has struggled with a ticketing system that requires people who ignore mailed violations to be personally served if the case is to proceed.

Both types of cameras have been challenged in courts nationwide. The day before Ohio's bill was signed, the state Supreme Court ruled 4-3 to uphold for a second time camera use by municipalities. The cameras also survived high court challenges in California and Illinois this year, and a ruling is pending in Missouri, where justices heard arguments this month on cases originating in three communities, including St. Louis.

They didn't survive in Nassau County on New York's Long Island, where speed cameras were installed in nearly two dozen school locations this year. The county had to forgive more than $2 million in fines due to equipment problems, and in December the county legislature voted unanimously to repeal the program.

AP Photo / Mel Evans

A red light photo enforcement sign is seen below a red light camera in Lawrence Township, N.J. By midnight Tuesday, cameras that have recorded hundreds of thousands of red light violations in two dozen towns in New Jersey are scheduled to go dark as the much-scrutinized pilot program comes to an end after five years filled with controversy.

Sierra snowpack one-third of normal, despite storms

By LISA M. KRIEGER
San Jose Mercury News (TNS)

SAN JOSE, Calif. —The first direct winter measurement of California's snowpack on Tuesday found water content only one-third of average – showing that the state has a long way to go to recover from the drought.

Snow surveyor Frank Gerhke hiked through 2 feet of snow at the Sierra Nevada's Echo Summit and found it contained 4 inches of water, or 33 percent of normal for this time of year. That's far better than last year's 20 percent. But it's not enough, according to the state Department of Water Resources.

December's storms were too warm to bring much snow to the drought-stricken state, weather experts say.

And this week's cold, windy weather isn't helping much, because it is so dry. There's no precipitation in the New Year's holiday forecast for the entire northern two-thirds of the state.

The snowpack at 6,800 feet elevation is considered a reliable indicator of how much water will be available during the spring, summer and fall. The snowpack is a measurement of the snow's water content, not its depth.

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Contaminated soil was removed to remedy the problem.

A release of fuel from an underground tank was confirmed in 1990. The county had registered the tank and had it removed from the ground according to regulations.

Because the rules were followed, the cleanup was covered by a state insurance program. The cleanup actions recovered about 2,084 gallons of gas, but work eventually ended as the insurance program ran out.

The DEQ continued to push for further cleanup but county officials maintained that the substation tank was not the real source of the contamination.

An unregistered tank used at the time by nearby Sterling Express Limited was pulled from the ground during the night without a state fire marshal present as required, the county contended.

The county's 1,000-gallon tank was dry on the bottom when removed from the ground, officials said, and subsurface petroleum product from neighboring property immediately began to fill the hole.

The state insurance program required the county to pay $10,000 toward the cleanup. Through mid-1997, the state program spent about $535,000 on remediation costs, including monitoring wells. Sterling was not required to pay anything, officials said.

The state continued to pressure the county to pay for further cleanup. Environmental Consulting & Technology, hired by the county to investigate, turned up DEQ documents pointing to Sterling's tank as the source of the contamination.

After several discussions, the county, state and township approved an agreement in March 2013 to resolve the lingering problem.

The county agreed to pay $63,000 to the township to help pay for the demolition of the George Street building. For its part, the DEQ agreed not to seek any further cost recovery from the county.

The DEQ also agreed to cover remaining cleanup costs after the fire department moved and the old station was razed.

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Small plane crashes feet from home, killing pilot

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — A cargo plane crashed into the front yard of a suburban Denver home early Tuesday, killing the pilot.

The twin-engine Cessna 404 cartwheeled before stopping a few feet from the front door of the home, the National Transportation Safety Board said.

The house had some heat damage from the resulting fire, but no one else was injured.

Investigators said the pilot, Daniel Lee Steitz, 55, reported losing engine power before going down.

"I heard a plane go by really low and I held my breath," neighbor Julie Pfannenstein told The Denver Post. "We live by the airport and planes go by all the time, but this one was low."

Pfannenstein said she initially thought the plane was going to hit her house, and she let out a sigh of relief when it passed overhead.

The plane operated by Key Lime Air had taken off from nearby Centennial Airport and was heading to Denver International Airport when it crashed.

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Fight cabin fever with outdoor activities

Parks, Sarett Nature Center offer cross-country skiing, hiking trails

By JOHN MATUSZAK
HP Staff Writer

If the kids are getting restless, and the rest of the family is experiencing a bit of cabin fever after the holidays, area parks and other attractions offer a chance to get outside.

Sarett Nature Center, at 2300 Benton Center Road in Benton Township, will hold Kids Celebrate Winter at 9:30 a.m. Friday for ages 6 and older. Naturalists will teach about animals in winter and winter survival. If there is enough snow, participants will spend the afternoon on skis and snow shoes.

The morning session takes place from 9:30 a.m.-noon, and the fee is $3. The afternoon portion will go until 2:30 depending on the weather, and cost is $6. Participants should bring a lunch if they plan to stay all day.

Adults can start a new hobby 2-4 p.m. Saturday with Cross Country Skiing for Beginners. The cost is $10, plus $5 for the ski rental. Lessons for beginners also will be offered from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 1.

From 2-4 p.m. Sunday visitors can make a suet pizza for woodpeckers and chickadee bells. All ages are welcome. The cost is $5 per person or $3 for members. Younger children should have an adult helper.

There will be opportunities to ski and hike throughout the winter at Sarett. The Gourmet Glide along a torch-lit trail, with a campfire, appetizers, and homemade soups at the nature center, will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 10. You can ski or snowshoe under a full moon 6-8 p.m. Jan. 17.

Take a snowshoe hike at 2 p.m. Jan. 18, and ski some of the lesser-known trails with a naturalist at 2 p.m. Jan. 31.

Sarett is available for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at other times, and skis and snowshoes are available for rental.

Call 927-4832 to register for activities or visit www.sarett.com for updates and other events.

Berrien County's Madeline Bertrand Park, in Niles Township, and Love Creek, in Berrien Center, have cross-country skiing trails.

Madeline Bertrand Park, at 3038 Adams Road in Niles, has 3 miles of level to rolling trails through forests and along a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan.

Love Creek Park, at 9292 Huckleberry Road, has 5 miles of trails, with slopes and turns. Many trails include a groomed lane for cross-country ski skating.

Ski rental fees are $5 for youth age 15 and under, and $10 for adults, and skis are available 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and for night events. Lighted night skiing is at Madeline Bertrand Park until 9:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Ski trail fees are $5 per day for adults, and $4 for youth. Seasonal permits, which allow unlimited skiing, are available for $20 and $15.

The entry fee for Berrien County parks is $3 per vehicle for county residents. The fee is $5 for out-of-county visitors at Love Creek.

Visit www.berriencounty.org/parks for updates on trail conditions.

Warren Dunes State Park, at 12032 Red Arrow Highway in Sawyer, has numerous trails for hiking and cross-country skiing, ranging in length from a 6-mile cross-country ski trail to a one-third mile skiing and hiking trail. Most trails are 1 mile or less.

Grand Mere State Park, in Stevensville, has a half-mile trail available for hiking and cross-country skiing.

Visit www.michigan.gov for information on state parks.

There's no place like home

Growing number of older adults rely on families, health aides to remain with loved ones

By KIM INGALLS
For the Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Last year's harsh winter was hard on everyone, especially Chuck Rehfeld.

In fact, he said, it changed his life.

The former South Haven firefighter, 67, has been battling fibromyalgia, gout and diabetes with neuropathy for several years. He took a turn for the worse last winter after falling several times and losing a considerable amount of physical mobility. And that resulted in his family making some tough decisions.

"I had no choice but to start looking at nursing homes," his wife, Cheri, 62, said, "I decided to go to Countryside Nursing Home (in South Haven). That decision was scary. But, the staff was wonderful from the minute I walked in the door. They let me sit, cry and regroup for 15 minutes."

Chuck is among the growing numbers of older Americans who require assistance.

Nearly 18 million older adults, or nearly half of everyone 65 and older, report they need some assistance with routine daily activities, according to a 2014 study by Vicki Freedman of the University of Michigan and the Urban Institute's Brenda Spillman. Almost 11 million seniors are getting help in some way from family or friends, putting a much larger burden on families and the overall care system than previously thought.

It comes as no surprise that 82 percent of seniors, according to 2014 AARP research, said they would prefer to stay at home even if they start to need daily assistance or health care. Only a few would prefer moving into an assisted living facility or moving in with family.

Contributed photo
Cheri Rehfeld is shown with her husband Chuck. Due to several medical ailments, Chuck ended up seeking physical rehabilitation through Countryside Nursing Rehabilitation Center in South Haven, but is now home and coping with the held of his wife and health aides.

Where to turn

Senior Services of Van Buren County and Region IV Area Agency on Aging can help.

Any person 60 and over living in Van Buren County is eligible to receive help from Senior Services at any of its locations.

Care Watch Management, In-Home Care services, support groups, RampAge and Project Fresh are a few of the programs sponsored by Senior Services.

The organization has senior centers in Van Buren townships, which offer leisure and enrichment activities.

Region IV Area Agency on Aging, which serves, Berrien, Cass and Van Buren seniors, focuses more on the planning, funding and development of services for Southwest Michigan.

"We have four people that do nothing but answer the phone all day and help people find answers," said AAA Community Services Director Dianne Carlson. "At the minimum, we give you access to information and tell you where you can go, and where you can find actual resources."

The Rehfelds found that out.

After Chuck fell, he was admitted to the hospital. Not able to stand up independently anymore, Cheri knew that if he ever came home, their life would be very different because he would need full-time care. As manager of the South Haven Yacht Club and a real estate agent, Cheri had her hands full juggling two jobs. F

eeling overwhelmed by Chuck's situation, she had the added pressure of having only hours to decide his future when she was told he was ready for discharge.

Because he couldn't walk or even get in a vehicle, Chuck needed rehabilitation. He was discharged to Countryside Nursing Home. The Rehfelds considered the placement temporary.

Unfortunately, they had no idea how to make that happen.

So Cheri got online and "paid for a million gadgets and supplies." She bought shower chairs, exercise equipment, transfer boards, grab bars, ramps and eventually had a lift installed at the house.

"It was a huge outlay of money, but I had to do something in planning to bring him home," Cheri said.

During his three-month stay at Countryside, the couple was encouraged by a physical therapist to contact AAA.

After more than one conversation with AAA, it looked like Chuck would be able to come home.

"The discharging physician at the nursing home told me that the likelihood would be that I would fail at this attempt to bring him home, and Chuck would be back in the nursing home or the hospital," Cheri said. "He said it would be far too much work. It only made me more determined because we wanted Chuck home."

With the assistance of home health aides, Chuck came home Aug. 1.

"The whole first week I was a mess, but they (AAA) had it covered," Cheri said. "It was a huge adjustment, and it required a lot of faith."

Chuck's main caregiver, Alyssa Grayson, kept reassuring Cheri.

"The whole first week Cheri was on edge," the Home Sweet Home aide said. "She didn't want me to leave at the end of the shift."

Over time, Cheri's confidence in Chuck's caregivers grew.

"It hasn't been easy for him to come home adapting to things, but it's good," Cheri said. "I'm so grateful for our caregivers respecting our home, taking care of him. I don't have to worry. I can do what I need to do."

In hindsight, Cheri offers some simple advice to others.

Increase your awareness of your community's agencies and services," she said.

Area Agency on Aging's Custom Care professionals can be reached toll-free at (800) 442-2803. Senior Services of Van Buren County can be contacted at 637-3607.

'Soul' woman: SH writer scores another tome for 'Chicken Soup'

By BECKY KARK
For the Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — After writing for publications for three decades, South Haven resident Linda LaRocque has no intention of setting down her pen.

LaRocque's latest short story can be found in the new book in the popular "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series, "The Power of Forgiveness."

Her short story, "Guess Who Came to Dinner?" details with an impromptu meal she had with her ex-husband years after they had divorced.

"All of the stories for 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' have to be first-person true," LaRocque said. "I felt that in sharing my own experience of reaching out as I did after many years, it could encourage others to do likewise and to perhaps experience their own gift of forgiveness."

This isn't the first time LaRocque has been published in a "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book.

Two years ago, a story of hers titled, "A Christmas to Think About," appeared in the "Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Gift of Christmas." LaRocque's work tells about a woman who is supposed to spend the holiday by herself, but finds herself surrounded by friends, instead.

LaRocque short stories have also been published in Christian magazines "Guideposts" and "Signs of the Times."

She said she enjoys writing for those publications because of the feedback she receives from readers.

"I've received telephone calls from readers who wanted me to know that reading one of my stories had changed their life in a profound way," LaRocque said. "And ultimately that's the thing that makes any writer write."

Playwriting for community and regional theater troupes also keeps LaRocque busy. "Ten have been published and 25 have

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File photo
Linda LaRocque of South Haven is shown at her desk with a "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book. LaRocque's latest short story, "Guess Who Came to Dinner?" is featured in the newest "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book, "The Power of Forgiveness."

List: Ban 'bae,' 'foodie,' 'takeaway' from lexicon

BY JEFF KAROUB
Associated Press

DETROIT — Hey, bae: It's time again for a curated list of words and phrases that those with a linguistic skill set wish they could hurl into the polar vortex.

The 40th annual List of Words to be Banished from the Queen's English for Misuse, Overuse and Uselessness includes "bae," most commonly used as a term of endearment, along with "curated," "skill set," "takeaway" and "polar vortex." The latter refers to the frigid Arctic blast that gripped the nation last winter.

The list, released Wednesday, consists of a dozen terms compiled by northern Michigan's Lake Superior State University based on submissions received throughout 2014 from members of the public. It joins an archive of more than 800 entries created in 1976 by a former public relations director who started with phrases that annoyed him and his friends.

There's nothing binding about this tongue-in-cheek decree, even if the people behind the nominations would ban the words if they were the kings — or queens — of speech.

"A pretentious way of saying 'selected,'" said Kristi Hoerauf of San Francisco, in support of her proposed banishment of "curate/curated." "It's enormously overused."

Other words on the list include "hack," "foodie," "swag" and "cra-cra" as a stand-in for crazy. Also submitted for sanction are "enhanced interrogation," "friend-raising" (a prelude or alternative to a fund-raising campaign) and the suffix "-nation," used to make words such as "Packer Nation" or "Cubs Nation."

"I'm not aware of any team or mascot that has the carrying capacity to be a nation," submitted Kelly Frawley of Waunakee, Wisconsin, despite her devotion to college and professional sports in her state.

Some words take their sweet time making this Hall of Semantic Shame: "Swag," for instance, is a perennial nominee that finally made the list this year. Jeff Drake of Saint Albans, West Virginia, said swag is "neither useful nor fancy," whether describing droopy clothing or a "free gift," a term that was banned in 1988.

Then there's the call to ban "bae," which might not make Pharrell Williams too, um, happy. The multitalented entertainer dropped a single in 2014 called "Come Get it Bae."

Sometimes, phrases can rise and fall rapidly and without ever invading the broader lexicon, often staying largely within conversations among younger people. "Bae" is an example of a word that some feel deserves to disappear, while others will be surprised to know it even exists, said Tom Pink, a spokesman for the university and list.

Years from now, Pink said, people may wonder why some words were included.

"People will say, 'Bae? What's that?'" he said.

Van Buren robbery

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Department released this security camera image of a masked man with a pistol robbing the Phoenix Country Market on Sunday in Geneva Township. The incident occurred at about 8:30 p.m. at 68150 County Road 388. The gunman is described as a light-skinned black male, about 5-foot-5 inches and about 150 pounds. Anyone with information in the case is urged to call the sheriff's department at 657-3101, Crime Stoppers at 800-342-7867 or Silent Observer at 343-2100.

Alcohol limit for boaters lowered

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan boaters, snowmobilers and off-road vehicle users will be subject to a 0.08 percent blood alcohol limit — the same as drivers — under laws that Gov. Rick Snyder signed Tuesday.

The measures were among 44 pieces of wide-ranging legislation that received the governor's signature. Others included a prohibition on college athletes unionizing at public universities, a move to ensure funding for cleaning up leaky underground fuel tanks isn't diverted, and a ban against Michigan adopting or enforcing proposed federal rule changes to dramatically tighten emissions requirements on wood-powered heaters.

Snyder said it's "common sense" to have a uniform blood alcohol limit for all vehicle drivers. When Michigan changed the legal limit for driving from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent in 2003, it didn't do so in snowmobile, watercraft and off-road vehicle laws.

"It is vital to keep our waterways and other recreational areas safe for all Michiganders," Snyder said in a statement.

The House in 2003 and 2005 voted overwhelmingly to make the limit 0.08 for all vehicle users, but the legislation died in the Senate, apparently in part because critics felt the only reason the blood alcohol limit for drunken driving had been lowered was because the state faced the loss of federal funding.

Rep. Matt Lori, a Constantine Republican who sponsored two of the four bills, said he was "elated" that the package got to Snyder's desk.

Victor Fitz, president of the Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Association and Cass County's prosecutor, began working with lawmakers on the legislation nearly a decade ago after 7-year-old Ryan Zielinski was killed when a jet skier ran over his tube on Donnell Lake. Authorities were unable to prosecute the jet skier as severely as they would have had he been driving a car, Fitz said.

Also Monday, Snyder signed laws to:

■ Prevent collective bargaining for university athletes by saying they aren't public employees. Michigan is the second state to respond. Northwestern University football players were allowed to vote this year on union representation. There are no reports of such union-organizing efforts at any of Michigan's public or private universities.

■ Continue a 7/8-cent environmental protection fee paid on each gallon of fuel sold and designate $20 million a year to the original purpose of the fee — cleaning up contamination from leaking underground fuel tanks. A 2013 state audit found that less than half of $381 million put in a special fund over eight years went to tank cleanup and related expenses. The rest was used to plug budget holes.

■ Prohibit the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality from writing air emission rules for wood stoves or enforcing federal regulations for newly built wood-burning heaters sought by the Obama administration. The industry questions whether it can comply in time and if new models will become too expensive, and some critics worry the rules would disadvantage people in rural areas. Supporters say such rules haven't been updated since 1988, they are needed to protect the public's health and manufacturers would have until roughly 2020 to comply.

Lawyer: Man wanted in old camp assaults near death

TRAVERSE CITY (AP) — A lawyer for a man charged with sexually assaulting campers in Wyoming decades ago said Tuesday that the 94-year-old is near death in northern Michigan and may not make it to the weekend.

Quoting doctors, Anders Gillis said that William Bricker might live as long as two weeks but could die within 48 hours. Bricker, who has acute heart failure and cognitive impairment, was to be examined by a mental health professional in the Traverse City area to determine whether he understands that Wyoming wants to extradite him.

"His health is continuing to deteriorate," Gillis told The Associated Press by telephone. "He's unable to place any weight on his feet. We're uncertain if he knows his own identity."

Bricker is in hospice care.

"He's mentally not there," Gillis said. "The body's there, but he's cognitively gone."

Bricker is accused of molesting children at the Teton Valley Ranch Camp in the 1960s and 1980s. Bricker was a volunteer at the Boy Scouts and summer ranch camp in Teton County, Wyoming.

Gillis said the case "is going to be a moot point. His doctor told us at most we can expect him to live another two weeks, but that it is highly probable that he will die within the next 48 hours."

Gillis said he met with the judge and prosecutor Tuesday afternoon about ways to have Bricker undergo a mental evaluation at home. A plan to do that is expected soon, Gillis said.

Wyoming is seeking to have the former camp counselor and gym teacher sent from Michigan to face charges of immoral acts with a child and immoral or indecent acts. The alleged sexual abuse back to 1962, 1968 and 1985. Wyoming officials say they began building a case against Bricker this year, after receiving pages of blog notes indicating possible "immoral and indecent acts with children."

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been performed by various theater groups," she said. "And of those, three have been multiple award winners."

LaRocque said she finds story and play ideas from moments in her life.

"Most are either real-life experiences or snippets of real life with some enormous helpings of wild imagination thrown in," she said.

LaRocque's interest in writing stories and plays began after meeting two people – a retired librarian and a veteran community theater producer.

"I earned my living for decades as a self-employed interior designer in Kalamazoo," she said. "Fortunately for me during that time I was mentored by a retired librarian friend who encouraged me in the field of short-story writing."

Soon afterwards, LaRocque met a second mentor, Mary Olendorf, producer of Legend Theater, in South Haven, who encouraged LaRocque and produced much of her work.

Humble fighter aims for Isle Royale

By JUSTIN MARIETTI
The Mining Journal (Marquette)

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — In his 33 years of life, Nate Denofre has been many things: student, machinist, fishing and bow-hunting guide, father and much more. But there is one attribute of his life that stands out above all the rest — he has always been a fighter, and a humble one at that.

Denofre was born with Amniotic Band Syndrome, which left him without legs below the knee. He said that very early on in his life, he was told he may never be able to walk.

"I've been doing it for 33 years now," he told The Mining Journal. "There's always someone worse off than you."

Not only did he prove those people wrong, but Denofre became even stronger as a result of his condition — learning how to run, swim, and get around just as well as some of his other classmates. However, years of wear and tear on his body and multiple surgeries have left Denofre with congenital spine narrowing in his back, which will eventually progress and leave him with limited mobility.

"I've also had two hip replacements on my right hip at Mayo Clinic," he said. "I found out there's maybe about a 30 percent chance at best they'll be able to fix it, and it's major surgery, so I decided against it. I've probably had a dozen surgeries in the last 15 years. I'm just tired of it, to be honest."

Justin Marietti / The Mining Journal

Nate Denofre stands along a trail at the old County Road 510 bridge in Negaunee Township. Denofre was born with Amniotic Band Syndrome, which left him without legs below the knee. A group of childhood friends have started a fundraising effort called "Nate's Last Stand" to send him on one last great excursion into the outdoors before his mobility is limited.

Ever since he was a boy, Denofre has carried a great affinity for the outdoors, and for the past five years he's been running the Yellow Dog Survival School as a fishing and bow-hunting guide. So naturally, when he found out about his current condition — he wanted to have one more great excursion in the woods before all was said and done.

"For some reason, I always feel at home and at peace in the woods," he said. "I remember when I was a little kid, my grandma used to own a sewing shop (near Silver Lake) and John Voelker used to come there and get his fly vest fixed all the time.

"I used to constantly hear stories of Wildcat Canyon, Silver Lake, Isle Royale and little fishing holes, and I just became kind of obsessed with it I guess."

Denofre, a Negaunee Township resident and Ishpeming High School graduate, decided on Isle Royale as the setting for his "last stand," because it was one of the only sections of the Upper Peninsula he hasn't had the opportunity to explore.

"I figured, one more last thing," he said. "I want to do something to set my soul at ease. It's not, and I'm not ready to sit down, to say the least. I said, Custer had his last stand — I should have mine, too, you know?"

When Erik Conradson, one of Denofre's childhood friends, became aware of his condition, he decided to do something to make the situation a little easier. That's when he created "Nate's Last Stand," a fundraising effort to cover the expenses needed to send Denofre to Isle Royale this spring.

COCOA PUFF

Cocoa Puff is a 10 month old female Mountain Fiest mix with a black and white coat and black spot on her head. She has just been spayed and vaccinated. Cocoa Puff needs a little time to become familiar with new people and surroundings, but she will quickly become attached to her family!

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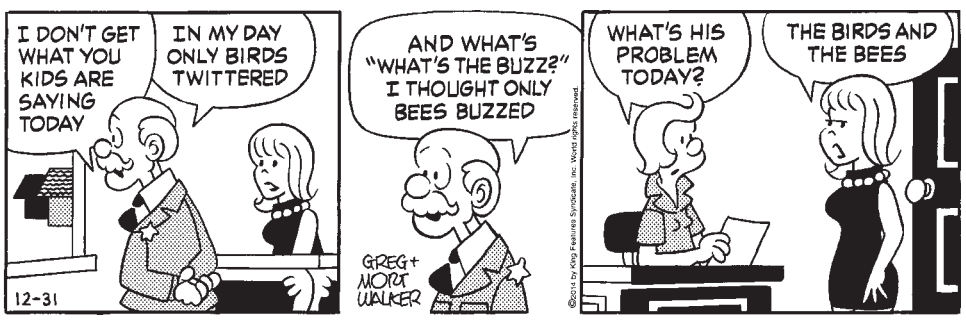
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IN MY DAY ONLY BIRDS TWITTERED
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AND WHAT'S "WHAT'S THE BUZZ?" I THOUGHT ONLY BEES BUZZED
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WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM TODAY?
THE BIRDS AND THE BEES
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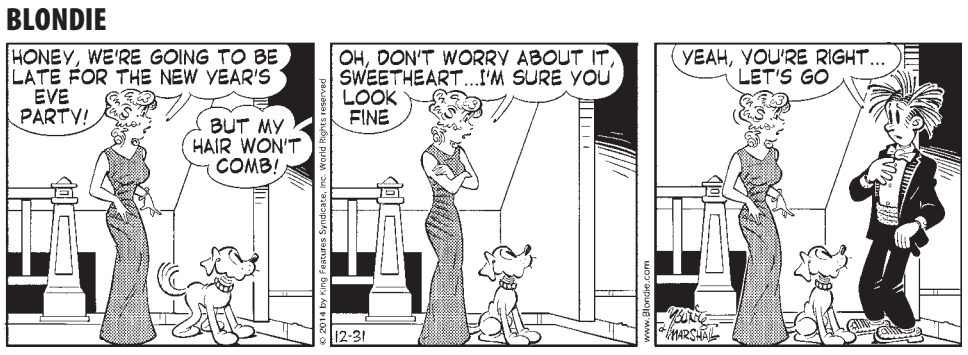
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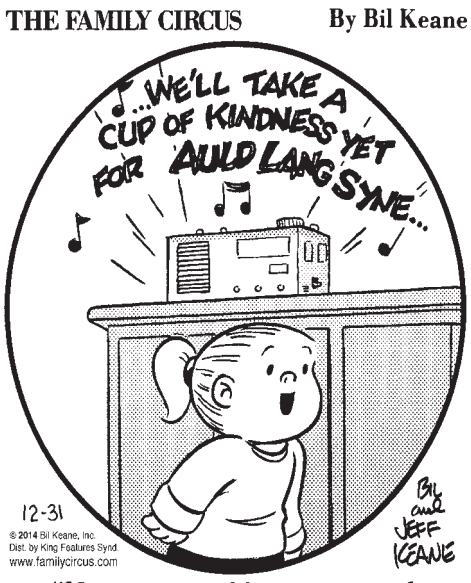
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane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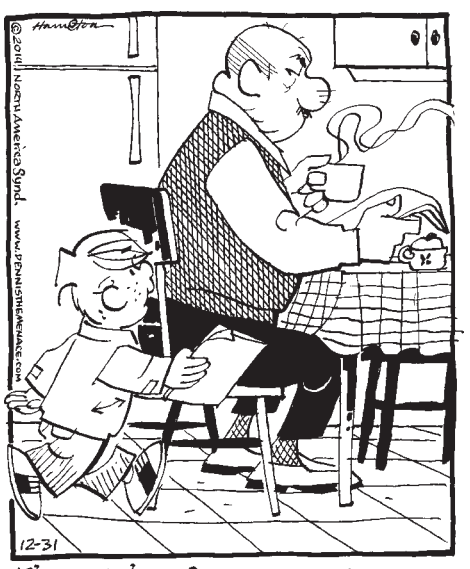
"Mommy, can I have a cup of kindness before I go to bed tonight?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'M PLAYIN' THE GRINCH IN OUR SCHOOL PLAY. GOT ANY TIPS, MR. WILSON?"

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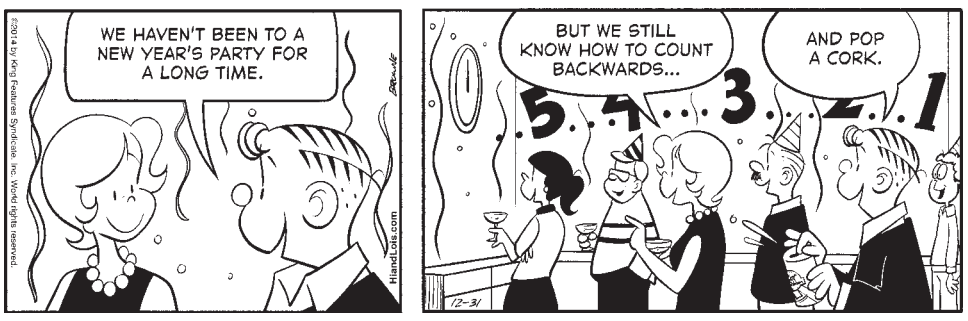
WE HAVEN'T BEEN TO A NEW YEAR'S PARTY FOR A LONG TIME.
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BUT WE STILL KNOW HOW TO COUNT BACKWARDS...
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AND POP A CORK.
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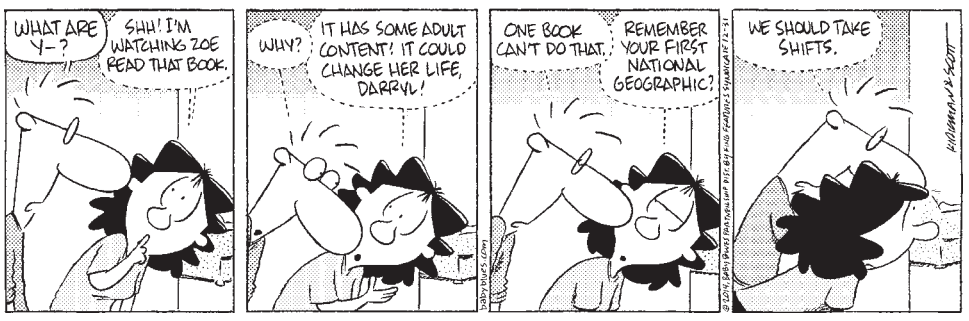
BABY BLUES


WHAT ARE Y-?
SHH! I'M WATCHING ZOE READ THAT BOOK.
WHY?
IT HAS SOME ADULT CONTENT! IT COULD CHANGE HER LIFE, DARRYL!
ONE BOOK CAN'T DO THAT.
REMEMBER YOUR FIRST NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC?
WE SHOULD TAKE SHIFTS.

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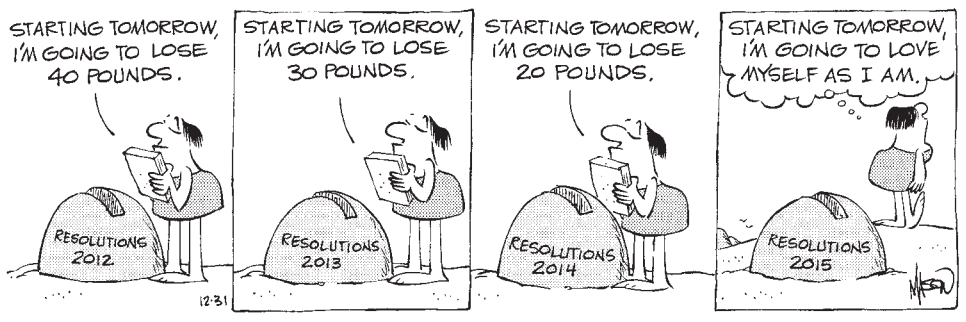
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STARTING TOMORROW, I'M GOING TO LOSE 20 POUNDS.
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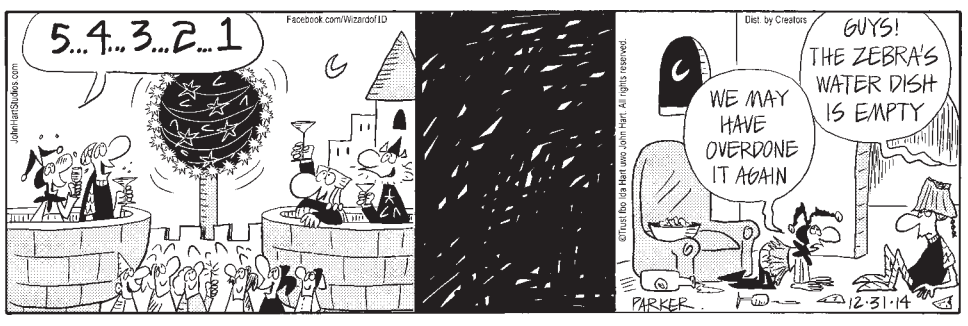

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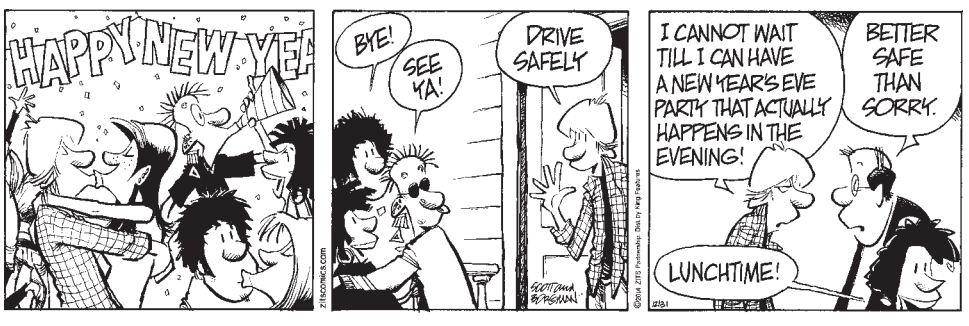
HAPPY NEW YEA
BYE!
SEE YA!
DRIVE SAFELY
I CANNOT WAIT TILL I CAN HAVE A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY THAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS IN THE EVENING!
BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.
LUNCHTIME!

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I GOT 9,752 RESPONSES ON THIS DATING SITE AND I HAVEN'T EVEN COMPLETED MY PROFILE.
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MEANWHILE, EVERYWHERE
HAIR. . . HEIGHT . . . JOB!
TRIPLE THREAT!

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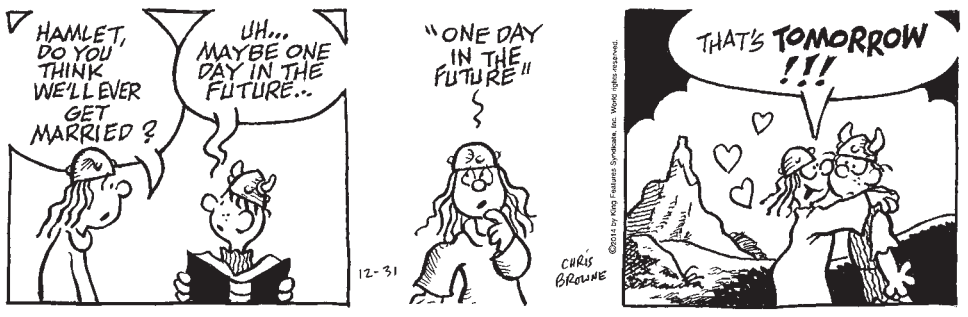

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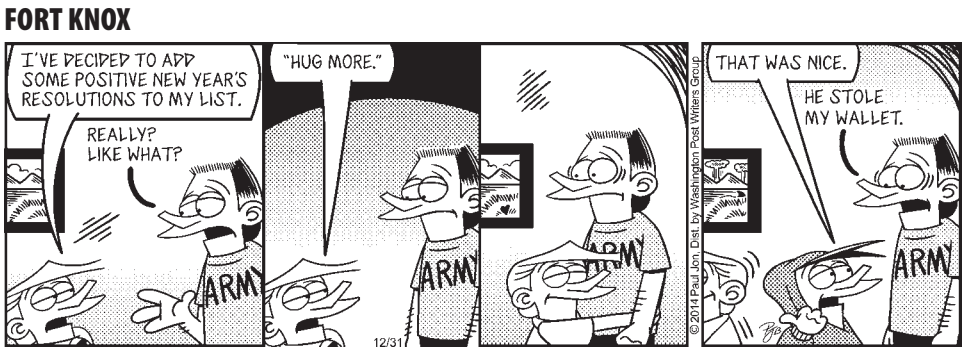
I'VE DECIDED TO ADD SOME POSITIVE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS TO MY LIST.
REALLY? LIKE WHAT?
"HUG MORE."
ARMY
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THAT WAS NICE.
HE STOLE MY WALLET.
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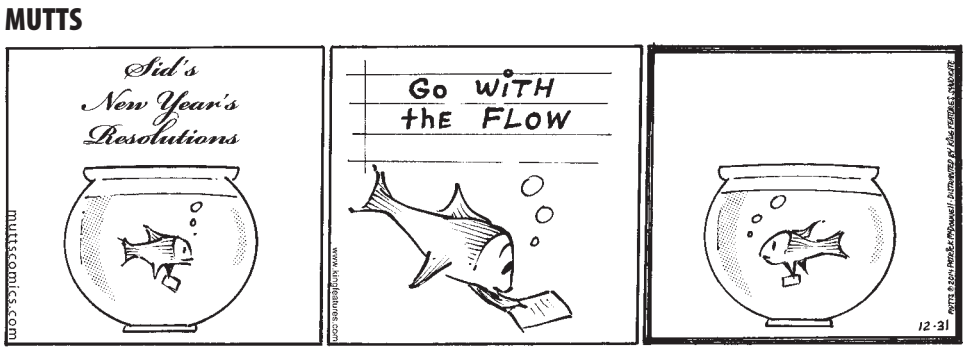

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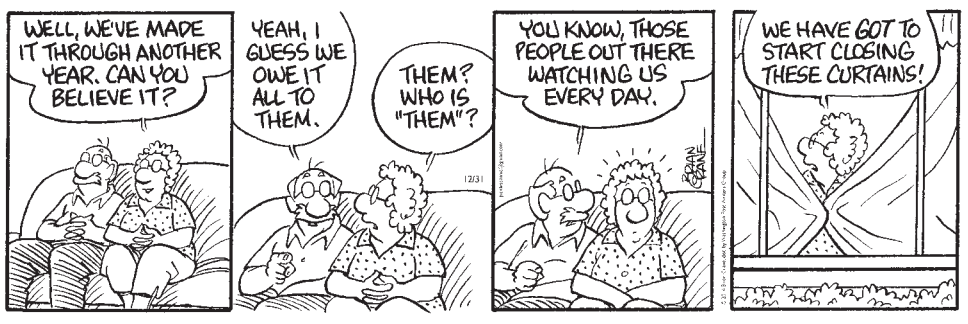
WELL, WE'VE MADE IT THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
YEAH, I GUESS WE OWE IT ALL TO THEM.
THEM? WHO IS "THEM"?
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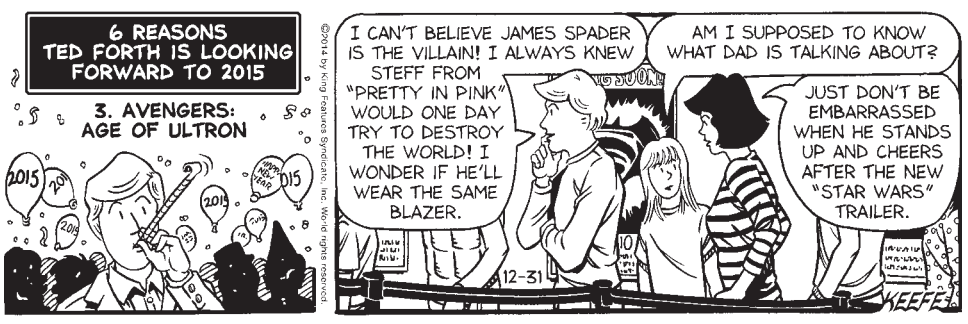
YOU KNOW, THOSE PEOPLE OUT THERE WATCHING US EVERY DAY.
WE HAVE GOT TO START CLOSING THESE CURTAINS!

SALLY FORTH


6 REASONS TED FORTH IS LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015
3. AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON
I CAN'T BELIEVE JAMES SPADER IS THE VILLAIN! I ALWAYS KNEW STEFF FROM "PRETTY IN PINK" WOULD ONE DAY TRY TO DESTROY THE WORLD! I WONDER IF HE'LL WEAR THE SAME BLAZER.
AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT DAD IS TALKING ABOUT?
JUST DON'T BE EMBARRASSED WHEN HE STANDS UP AND CHEERS AFTER THE NEW "STAR WARS" TRAILER.
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WEDNESDAY EVENING DEC. 31

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2015 (N) CC				Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's	
CBS 2 3 22	Entertain-ment Ton.	Blue Bloods "Secret Arrangements"		Criminal Minds "The Edge of Winter"		Stalker A stalker with an affinity for fire.	
NBC 5 8 16	Access Hollyw'd	A Toast to 2014! A look back at 2014. (N) CC				New Year's Eve With Carson Daly	
FOX 17 28 32	Modern Family	Pitbull's New Year's Revolution Counting down to 2015 in Miami. (N) (L) CC				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Live From Lincoln Center New Year's Eve concert. (N) (L) CC				Michael Feinstein's New Year's	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	iHeartradio Music Festival Night 1 Highlights of the music festival. CC				News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	The Walking Dead "Made to Suffer"		The Walking Dead "The Suicide King"		Big Bang Theory	The Simp-sons
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	House of Payne	House of Payne	We There Yet?	We There Yet?	Family Guy	Raising Hope
WHME 46	M*A*S*H CC	Lester Sumrall	HIthy Choices	The Harvest Show News and music.		Paid Program	Joyce Meyer
WSBT 22	:00 WSBT News at 7	ES.TV CC	ES.TV CC	Dr. Phil Adult son is still living at home.		News	Dish Na-tion (N)
A&E	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty CC		Duck Dynasty "Lake Boss" CC		Duck Dynasty	:31 Duck Dynasty
AMC	Walking Dead	The Walking Dead CC		The Walking Dead "Made to Suffer"		The Walking Dead "The Suicide King"	
Animal	America	North America CC		North America CC		North America CC	
BET	:00 Notarized 2014 The best music and moments of 2014.						
Big Ten	Finale	Finale	Finale	Finale	Finale	Finale	Finale
Bravo	6:00 ★★ Shutter Island ('10) Leonardo DiCaprio.			★★★ The Prestige ('06, Drama) Hugh Jack-man, Christian Bale.			
Cartoon	Clarence	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	American	American
Cinemax	6:00 The Heat	★★ 300: Rise of an Empire ('14) Sullivan Stapleton. CC			:45 ★★ Fast & Furious 6 ('13, Action) Vin Diesel. CC		
CMT	Steve	Steve Austin's Bro		Steve Austin's Bro		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.
CNBC	The Profit	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC	
CNN	OutFront	All Best/Worst		New Year's Eve Live With AC			
Comedy	Scary 2	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Park CC	
CSNC	Sports	Bears Classic		College Basketball			
Discovery	Afraid	Naked and Afraid CC		Naked and Afraid A Panamanian island.		Naked and Afraid A wilderness instructor.	
Disney	HS Musical 3		Zapped ('14) Zendaya.			How to Build	
DIY	Rev. Run	Rev. Run	Rev. Run	Rev. Run	Rev. Run	Rev. Run	Rev. Run
E!	Hamptons	Take the Hamptons		Take the Hamptons		Take the Hamptons	
Encore	Shaw-shank	★★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby ('06) Will Ferrell. iTV. CC				9:50 ★★ The Lone Ranger ('13)	
ESPN	Pregame	:10 Capital One Orange Bowl Georgia Tech vs. Mississippi State.					
ESPN2	SportCtr	30 for 30			Champs	30 for 30	
ESPNC	6:00 NBA	NBA Finals game 2, from June 8, 2014. (N)				WNBA Basketball (N)	
Family	6:00 ★★ The Pro-posal ('09)		★★★ Pretty Woman ('90, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy.				
Food	Cutthroat	Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen	
Fox News	Record	The O'Reilly Factor		All-American New Year (N) (L)			
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey New Jersey Devils at Detroit Red Wings.					Red Wings Live (N)	
FX	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly
G4	100 Games		100 Games		100 Games		Games
Golf	:00 LPGA Tour Golf Kraft Nabisco Championship, Final Round.						
Hallmark	Meet the Santas	The Christmas Ornament ('13, Romance) Kellie Martin, Cameron Mathison.				The Middle CC	The Middle CC
HBO	6:30 ★★ Divergent ('14) Shailene Woodley. CC			Jennifer Lopez: Dance Again The singer's first world tour. (N)			That Awkward
History	Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
HGTV	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
Learning	E.R.	Strange Sex		Secret Sex Lives		Secret Sex Lives	
Lifetime	Accused	Missing at 17 ('13) Tricia O'Kelley.				Guilty at 17	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Replay (N)		Inside the NFL (N) CC			NFL Films
Nick	Nicky	Thunder	Thunder	Henry	Henry	100 Things	
NGEO	The '90s	The '90s		The '90s		The '90s	
Oxygen	:00 ★★★ Magic Mike ('12, Comedy-Drama) Channing Tatum, Alex Pettyfer.				★★★ Magic Mike ('12) Channing Tatum, Alex Pettyfer.		
Showtime	6:00 Sinister	Penny Dreadful "Night Work" CC		Penny Dreadful "Se-ance" CC		Penny Dreadful "Res-urrection"	
Spike	Jail CC	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
Starz	:10 ★★★ Muppets Most Wanted ('14) Ricky Gervais. iTV.			★★ Pompeii ('14, Adventure) Kit Harington, Carrie-Anne Moss. iTV. CC			
SyFy	The Twi-light Zone	The Twi-light Zone	The Twi-light Zone	The Twi-light Zone	The Twi-light Zone	The Twi-light Zone	The Twi-light Zone
TBS	Seinfeld CC	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Journey-Center	★★★ Elvis on Tour ('72, Docu-mentary) Elvis Presley. CC			:45 ★★★ A Hard Day's Night ('64) The Beatles.		
TMC	Longest Yard	★★ Waiting... ('05) Ryan Reyn-olds, Anna Faris. CC			:35 ★★★ Rushmore ('98) Jason Schwartzman. CC		
TNT	300 ('07)	★★ The Expendables ('10, Action)				★★ Red ('10)	
Travel	Booze	Booze Traveler		Booze Traveler		Bizarre Foods	
TV Land	Walker	FamFeud	FamFeud	Raymond	Raymond	The Year: 2014	
USA	Law & Or-der: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Hip Hop	Love, Hip Hop		Love, Hip Hop		Love, Hip Hop	
WGN-A	Funny Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos CC		How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met

Talk to your kids about sex before they reach puberty

DEAR DOCTOR K: When should I start talking to my child about sex? And what topics should I discuss?

DEAR READER: Many parents are uncomfortable talking about sex with their kids, but they know the day will, and should, come. They often anxiously prepare in advance what they will say if their child asks a question about sex.

There's an old joke about a young boy who asks his father, "Where did I come from?"

His father says to himself, "OK, the time is here," braces himself, and then spends several minutes talking about sperm, eggs, the uterus, labor and delivery, etc. The boy, with a puzzled look on his face, replies, "Funny. Johnny says he comes from San Francisco."

Although you may not realize it, you have been teaching your child about sexuality for years.

For example, you helped him learn the correct terms for the parts of the body, including genitalia.

My pediatrician colleagues at Harvard Medical School advise that parents should discuss sex with their child before he or she enters puberty, typically by age 8 or 9.

When and where do you start? Often you do not have to start. Like the boy in the joke, your child will most likely come to you with questions first. Answer them at your child's level, with short, clear explanations.

Dr. Anthony Komaroff

If your child does not come to you with questions, you may need to bring up the subject. You could start by asking how much he knows about something and see where the conversation goes. For example, "What do you know about how babies are made?"

Once you have opened the conversation, it will get easier. Over time, you'll want to cover a lot of ground.

Do it little by little. Don't overwhelm your child with too many facts all at once.

Consider the next stage in your child's development. For example, don't wait until puberty to talk with your child about body changes or menstruation.

Here is a list of topics my pediatrician colleagues recommend that you should discuss with your child:

■ **Puberty.** Discuss the body changes your child should expect. Parents of both girls and boys should discuss menstruation.

■ **Human Reproduction.** Discuss the body parts related to sexuality, including their actual names and functions. Discuss sexual intercourse, how babies are made and how babies are born.

■ **Masturbation**. Teach your child that masturbation and self-exploration are normal parts of sexual development.

■ **Birth Control.** Discuss the purpose of birth control. Explain the basic types and how each prevents pregnancy. If you do not believe in birth control, say that, too.

■ **Sexually Transmitted Diseases.** Teach your child how these diseases are spread and can be prevented.

■ **Homosexuality.** Teach your child about different sexual orientations.

A series of matter-of-fact discussions with your kids can give them the information they need – and also arm them against the misinformation they likely will hear from others.

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You don't have to be wealthy to be a philanthropist

While I'm away, readers give the advice.

On not waiting for wealth before becoming philanthropists:

Several years ago my cousins and I were drinking wine and talking about what we would do if we won the lottery. We all agreed we would start a charity to provide college scholarships at the high school that has been so much a part of our family history.

After another glass of wine we decided we did not need to win the lottery to fund scholarships. We started researching rules for starting a tax-exempt charity. It took numerous phone calls and several months but we did it. We had a tax number and were a legitimate charity.

We have funded scholarships by garage sales, but our most successful event was a family golf tournament and dinner. We just asked for contributions and the money rolled in. Family members have also made memorial donations to honor a loved one. We have funded nine $1,000 scholarships and have money in the bank for future scholarships. It is so rewarding to read the scholarship applications in the spring and decide on the recipient. Family members gather on scholarship night, and one of the cousins presents the scholarship. This is a wonderful family project, and $500 can make a real difference to a struggling student.

Carolyn Hax

Families of modest means can make a difference. Can you imagine the impact we would make if all financially able families would do this? – C.

On dealing with the bad feelings about an ex:

Screw being positive! Imagine all the wonderful innovative ways he can die. When my brother divorced his wife I wanted to go stick stiletto heels through her eyeballs. My mom's best friend was going to go with me. Little tiny woman, me, big girl, going after this idiot with stiletto heels. Tell me that isn't a funny picture.

We had fun getting snockered at holidays and dreaming up fun ways to torture her. Watch the Kevin Spacey movie "Swimming with Sharks," so innovative, and that is what we dreamed up. The Mob is still active where she lives, I was going to go put a hit on her. We had so many great ideas ...

But it got our anger, our hatred, our frustration out. We NEVER did this around the kids. Or around my brother. Just some fun times getting it out of our systems. There is something to be said about good friends, a bottle of wine and venting. – C.

On being less rigid about the ways relatives can interact with your children:

When my sister's kids were younger, but the oldest two were old enough to be more independent, their uncle would suggest doing things with the two older ones that the other two were not old enough for yet. The parents' reply was that it was not fair to the younger two for the older two to get that activity with their uncle.

Years later, the older ones are in college and only the youngest is left. Now there are no objections to the uncle and the youngest spending time.

Parents ... let your kids spend time with their relatives without requiring that EVERY child be included in EVERY activity. It's not fair to the relatives, and it's not fair to the kids. – J.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Works as a model
6 Capelike garment
12 Hitchcock forte
14 "Anchors —"
15 Galvanize
16 Two-door cars
17 Bean hull
18 Mi. above sea level
19 So far
21 Cornfield sound
23 Hwys.
26 Pregrown lawn
27 Marvy
28 Hunt illegally
30 Si, to Maurice
31 PD alert
32 Toughen up
33 Aquatic mammal
35 Fall mo.
37 Up-to-date
38 Oar pin
39 Strive
40 Countdown start
41 Tijuana "Mrs."
42 NNW opposite
43 FICA number
44 Pipe material
46 And so forth
48 Bahamas' capital
51 Skulks about
55 Tack on
56 Mariachi wear
57 Report-card info
58 "— and Sensibility"

DOWN
1 School org.
2 Not 'neath
3 B'way posting of yore
4 Sling lava
5 Nothing special (hyph.)
6 Rain forest parrot
7 MP prey
8 Uncharged particle
9 Iceberg part
10 Not sm. or med.
11 Codgers' queries
13 Amtrak attendant
19 Teens
20 Reporter's boss
22 Monastery heads
24 Disheartens
25 Weed out
26 Chimney dust
27 Hack's customer
28 Crying shame
29 Rough-cut
34 Slipped by
36 Inches along
42 Races by, as clouds
43 Make a run
45 Barn topper
47 Three, in Bolivia
48 Remind too often
49 Aries mo.
50 Facial locale
52 Not rosy-cheeked
53 DJ's albums
54 Match the bet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	E	P		A	J	A	R		K	U	N	G
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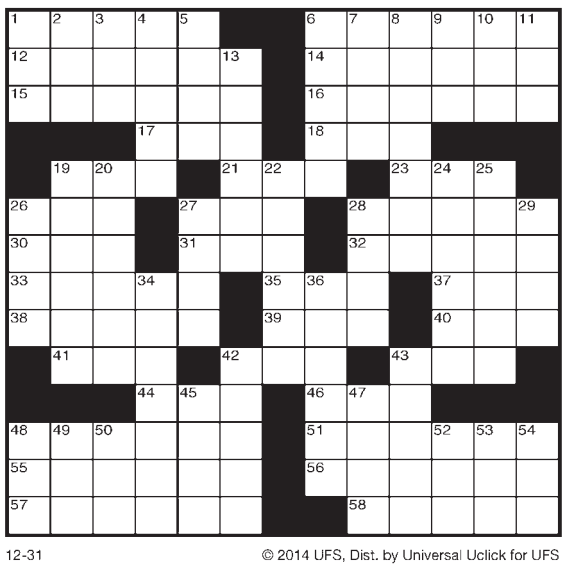

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Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EVALE

NOPUD

RAZDIL

HOABIP

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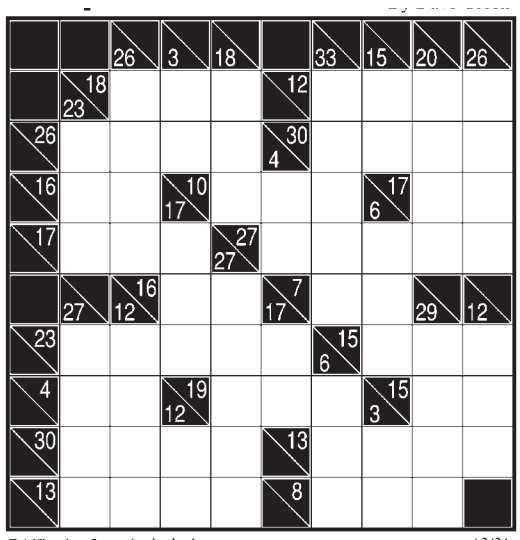
Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

_____ THE _____
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MOUTH OFFER IMPACT BOTANY
Answer: He proposed a submarine to reach the bottom of the ocean, but his boss couldn't — FATHOM IT

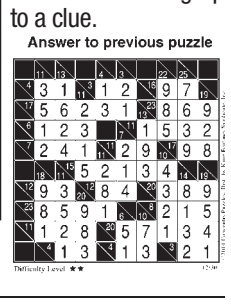
Kakuro



Difficulty Level ★★★ 12/31

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

For the last two days, declarer has struggled in a 4-3 fit. Today he has nine trumps, but the original declarer did not foresee the danger and went down in his game contract.

Against four spades, West led a top-of-nothing heart nine. East won with his ace and shifted to the diamond seven. How should South have continued?

After East overcalled one heart, South's one-spade response guaranteed at least a five-card suit. (With only four spades, he would have made a negative double.) West raised hearts with three-card support and a singleton. East competed to three hearts, the nine-trick level, because he knew that his side had nine hearts between them. But South's jump to four spades silenced everyone.

Note West's lead. Since he had raised hearts, he led his highest. If he had passed throughout, he would have led his lowest. (Yes, all right, if he were psychic, he would have led a diamond, which would have defeated the contract with subsequent accurate defense.)

South won the second trick in the dummy and called for a trump, but East dashed up with his ace and shifted to the club nine. West won with his ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff for down one. How could declarer have avoided this outcome?

He had to win trick two on the board, cash the heart queen and continue with the heart 10, discarding both of his clubs. Then West could not have gained the lead to give East the critical ruff. Declarer would have lost only one spade and two hearts with a textbook scissors coup.

North 12-31-14
♠ Q J 9 8
♥ Q 10 5
♦ A 4 3
♣ K J 6

West
♠ 6 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ A 10 5 2

East
♠ A 4
♥ A J 8 6 3 2
♦ 7
♣ 9 8 7 3

South
♠ K 10 7 5 2
♥ K
♦ K Q J 10 9
♣ Q 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1♣	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

Sudoku

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

		6	8	2			9	5
8								
		3		1	9			7
	7							2
1	5				8	7		
				5			4	
		4	7					6
6								3
	1				4		2	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	9	3	8	4	7	6	2	5
5	7	2	1	9	6	8	4	3
8	6	4	2	5	3	9	1	7
2	5	6	7	8	4	1	3	9
7	3	9	6	1	2	5	8	4
4	8	1	9	3	5	2	7	6
6	1	7	4	2	9	3	5	8
3	4	8	5	6	1	7	9	2
9	2	5	3	7	8	4	6	1

hp OUR TOWN

Got news for 'Our Town'?

Do you have some news about your hometown that you would like to see in the paper? Send it to "Our Town" in care of Features Editor Katie Krawczak at The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; deliver it to 3450 Hollywood Road; fax it to The HP at 429-4398; or send email to focus@TheHP.com. Timely news about upcoming events should be received two weeks prior to the events.

Cotillion in St. Joseph

Photo provided

The Cotillion was held Nov. 28 at The Inn at Harbor Shores. A Southwestern Michigan family tradition started by Mrs. Louis C. Upton in 1936, the Cotillion hosted several hundred students with dinner, music and dancing. Leading the traditional Grand March were high schoolers and returning college students – Jake Reinburg of St. Joseph High School, Madison Moshier of St. Joseph High School, Mathew Miller of Lakeshore High School, Lydia Malloy of Lakeshore High School, Mateusz Gibiec of Lawrence Technological University, Erin Bruce of Lake Michigan Catholic High School, Samantha Marzke of Western Michigan University and Joey Frazee of Benedictine College.

SMC announces fall honors lists

DOWAGIAC — Southwestern Michigan College named the following area students to the President's List or Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while carrying a full load of studies (at least 12 credits). Students on the Dean's List earned a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while carrying a full load of studies.

President's List

Baroda – Danielle Curley, Rachel King, Michaela Zielke

Berrien Center – Adam Dubs

Berrien Springs – Skyler Johnson, Timothy Robertson, Tobias Robertson

Buchanan – Alexandria Hemphill, Lauren King

Cassopolis – Celia Ash, Melissa Burpee, Lorrie Gardner, Jesse Newton

Coloma – Justin McCoy

Decatur – Sarah Craft, Dakotah Haas, Jacob Hainer

Dowagiac – Morgan Adams, Samuel Adjei, Susan Ardon, Blake Bundy, Brad Bundy, Jeremy Collins, Deadria Murray, Jessica Pike, Brendan Stewart

Hartford – Anthony Kucharski, Elizabeth Rumley, Timothy Tinker

Niles – Kevin Helliwell, Alisa Mazumber, Abby Parris, Brandon Semrinec, Amie Wilson, Jennifer Wolf

St. Joseph – Miranda Stepka

Sawyer – Dana Hammons

Sodus – Jacob Grajauskis

Stevensville – Jacob Blaylock, Karisa Steffens

Three Oaks – Lea Aurenz

Watervliet – Kayla Clay, Joseph Eggert, Alisha Mandarino, Maria Thomas

Dean's list

Benton Harbor – Peter Brown, Jamie Cheske, Ann Dominion, Matthew Ross, Ivy Sanders, Sarah Wagner

Berrien Center – Jesse Cleveland, Madalyn Reneberg

Berrien Springs – Nicole Anzures, Zachary Belin, Connie Clark, Bradley Coleman, Allyson Nutt, Kaitlyn Williams, Heidi Zielke

Bridgman – Haley Polym, Race Werk

Buchanan – Kathleen Clark, Shiloh Hollister, Katareena Orphanidis, Daniel Papczynski, Alex Reitz, Nina Rutherford, Richard Servis, Megan Stepanek, Austin Sullivan, Paige Wetmore

Cassopolis – Jessica Burnworth, Costas Christodoulides, Paige Deak, Abigail Harrison, Karlee Henderson, Ashlie Herman, Cody Hoff, Jessica Martin, Sarah Nodruff, Victoria Pearson, Marissa Poth-Miller, Austin Teter

Coloma – Madyson Duffield, Emily Hanners, Christine Lawrence, Madeline Quinones

Covert – Joshua DeRosa, Alexis Hoch

Decatur – Meaza Behan, Darby Brautigam, Charlene Krikke, Katarina Kusmack, Kristen Mead, Jennifer Mroczek, Connor Olkowski, Melissa Wickett, Christine Wilber

Dowagiac – Aaron Adams, Christopher Carlsen, Emily Clark, Andrea Colley, Penny Cooper, Thomas Creameans, Debra Curtis, Justin Desjardin, Charity Evans, Tanya Gutierrez, Emily Hawkins, Michelle Helmuth, Amber Hummel, Paige Huston, Mary Martin, Thomas Preston, Christopher Price, Michael Price, Brian Ridenour, Carl Ridenour, Adam Roark, Nattalee Smith, James Vincent, Meg Williams, Krystle Willming

Eau Claire – Anna Kietzerow, Katie Nimtz, Jose Romero, Alexis Teichman

Galien – Richard Nekvasil, Dylan Williamson

Hartford – Erin Baumeister, Iliana Lopez, Gerardo Ramos, Keren Reyes, Madeleine Rohrer, Madison Traver

Lawton – Rachel Brewer, BaiLee' Pastol, Lauren Reynolds, Tanner Rice

New Buffalo – Isaac Grynwich

Niles – Khadijah Abdullah, Taylor Baxter, Carley Blake, Jessica Blank, Nicole Bourgeois, Daniel Cantu, Austin Cooper, Daniel Dickey, Daniel Ferenczi, Emily French, Jennifer Galbreth, Tammy Gordon, Elizabeth Hensler, Eric Hess, Jonathan Hollister, Jared Holst, Stephanie Horner, Jessica Jorgensen, Jacob Juhasz, Paul Lamson, Gladys Magana Tejeda, Ciara Markin, Collin Mattiford, Robert Mayfield, Christopher Nelson, Cody Ness, Erica Norton, Ciara Peel, Ashia Phillips, Samantha Pompey, Cassidy Purucker, Alyssa Robbins, Calvin Robinson, Robyn Ropp, Morgan Tucker, Donnie Williams, Stephanie Winningham

Paw Paw – Erienne Crane

St. Joseph – Julie Devine, Karen Munoz-Perez

Sawyer – Alejandra Vences Jurado, Allyson Wittenburg

South Haven – Cody Kelch

Stevensville – Camille Curtis, Craig Fowler, Tyler Fye, Allison Lillo, Samantha McCoy

Three Oaks – James Davis, Sydney Starring

Vandalia – Alexis Christie, Rachel Gollnick, Kathyjo Springer

Watervliet – Cheyenne Gargano, Dakota Kiernan, Bradley Martin, Bethany Minickel

Classes & Workshops

ARS Gallery/ Arts & Culture Center

For details, go to www.annarussoart.com or call 208-4409.

Adults

Photography: 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 4-25; $125

Mosaic: 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 28-Feb. 25; $125 plus materials

Wine Education: 5:15-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 28-Feb. 18; $75

Youths

Home School Art Studio: 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 20-March 31 (for ages 10-15), or 12:30-2 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 21-April 1 (for ages 6-9)

Ceramics: 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 27-March 10 (ages 9-13); $85

News of area classes and workshops will appear Wednesdays in The Herald-Palladium. Organizations that would like to be included should send a news release at least two weeks in advance of the event to: Focus, The Herald- Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or email focus@TheHP.com.

For more details, contact the organization.

Libraries

Benton Harbor

The library will be closed today through Sunday in observance of the New Year holiday and for the monthly staff furlough weekend.

Berrien Springs

The library will be closed Wednesday and Thursday.

When Berrien Springs Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the library will be closed.

Chips & Chapters is offered from 4-4:30 p.m. Mondays. This program is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. This is a great program for those who love to listen to stories read aloud.

Preschool Story Times are at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Stop by the Barn in the Children's Department to listen to a fun story read by our Children's librarian, Ms. Faith.

After-school Gaming is offered from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Children in fourth grade through high school are welcome to stop in for fun and friendly competition on the Wii.

The library will host an Anime Club for teens from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Attention, students in grades 6-12. Gamers Central will meet from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 8. Any student interested can bring his or her own board and card games, as well as any electronic devices to play Internet games such as Minecraft. Snacks will be provided.

Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 to discuss "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz.

Bridgman

The library will close today at 5 p.m. and will remain closed Thursday for the New Year holiday.

Food for Fines program will run through Jan. 10.

Knit 'n' Yarn Knitters meet 1-3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

American war memorabilia will be on display in the Community Room through Jan. 16. Exhibit organizers will offer guided tours from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Jan. 13.

Buchanan

The library will be closed today and Thursday for the New Year holiday.

Story Time will return Jan. 13.

Jack Knight Café will return Jan. 15.

Coloma

The library will be closed today and Thursday for the New Year holiday.

The library has a new resource that uses technology to make tracing family trees easier. Ancestry Library Edition will allow you to start exploring your roots by searching a surname. The program can be used on any of the computer workstations at the library. You do need to have a library card.

Book Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 8 to discuss "The Husband's Secret" by Liane Moriarty. Copies are generally available at the front desk for check out.

Hartford

The library will be closed today and Thursday for the New Year holiday.

Library Book Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

Story Time is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays for children 2-5 years old. Preschool Story Time will feature stories, activities and crafts.

Lincoln

The library will be closed today and Thursday for the New Year holiday.

Toddler Tunes and Tales will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The 2015 winter reading programs for adults and teens will take place from Monday through Feb. 28. Adults 18 and older must complete five challenges to receive a prize and be entered in our Fireside Reads grand prize drawing. Teens in grades 6-12 can play Chill Out and Read bingo to collect a prize and be entered into our teen grand prize drawing.

Stop by the library for assistance with your technology issues on a first come, first served basis from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays and from 1-5 p.m. Thursdays.

Registration begins Friday for various, free computer classes here at Lincoln Township Library. If you are interested in topics like Microsoft Office, navigating the Internet, or shopping and selling on the Internet, call for class times and dates at 429-9575.

The Gentle Reads Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 13 to discuss "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo. Stop by the library to register.

Kids ages 10-18 are invited to bring their own card decks and battle with other Pokemon and/or Yu-Gi-Oh! players at 2 p.m. Jan. 16. Register by calling 429-9575.

Registration is now open for a new book club called Tales You Can Taste, featuring food-themed books. The group will meet in the upper seating area of Martin's Supermarket 7 p.m. Jan. 21. Participants can enjoy a cup of tea, compliments of Martin's, while discussing our first selection, "Chocolat" by Joanne Harris. For those who would like to take their experience with the book one step further, Martin's School of Cooking is offering an optional companion class featuring foods like those in the book for $15. To join the book discussion, drop by the library and pick up your copy of the book. To register for the cooking class, call Martin's Customer Service Desk at 429-1711.

Library story times include Thursday's Bouncing Babies to Books at 10:30 a.m., Friday's Fun Friday Story Time & Craft at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday's Toddler Tunes and Tales at 10:30 a.m. Magic Carpet Story & Craft Time is offered at 10:30 a.m. Fridays in the Baroda Municipal Building.

New Buffalo

Harbor Country resident and Green Spirits Farm founder Milan Kluko will discuss his indoor year-round farm and related sustainable agriculture topics at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The farm is capable of yielding an acre's worth of produce in 400 square feet with 99 percent less water.

Niles

The library will close at 5 p.m. today and remain closed Thursday for the New Year holiday.

The Coalition will meet at 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Chess Club is for all ages and ability levels. Want to learn? We are willing to teach you at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Winter reading bingo is back by popular demand. Pick up your bingo sheet. Get a bingo by completing the tasks in the spaces, then bring your card to the Youth Services Desk for a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets can be placed into any of our movie prize packs for a chance to win. Game runs through March 28.

Teen Iron Chef returns from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 16. This event is for teens ages 13-19. Registration required.

The Morning Club has a new name. Beginning in February, the Special Edition Club will be offering afternoon meeting times as well. The group will meet from 10 a.m.-noon Friday.

Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday.

TreeClimbers monthly genealogy gathering will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. This month's topic is the Great Migration Begins.

St. Joseph

The library will be closed today and Thursday for the New Year holiday. Regular hours resume Friday.

Janet Snelgrove will be at the library at 5:30 p.m. Mondays for Tai Chi.

Lakeshore Rug Hookers meet at the library from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays.

Register your team for "Trivia Night: The Ugly Sweater Edition" fundraiser at The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Jan. 10. Adults and teens are invited to create teams of up eight people. $10 per person entry fee (sorry, no discount for teen team members). Cash prize will be awarded to the top team. We will also have an award for the "ugliest sweater." Doors open at 6 p.m., 10 rounds of 10 questions start at 7 p.m.

Sodus

The library will be open from 2-5 p.m. today and will be closed Thursday. Regular hours resume Friday.

Game Group meets at 2:15 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Needlework Club meets at 2:15 p.m. every Monday thereafter.

Displayed in the Community Room are issues of 2013 magazines. They are free. Help yourselves.

Afternoon Book Club will meet at 3 p.m. Jan. 13 to discuss "Defending Jacob" by William Landay.

South Haven

The library will close early today and remain closed Thursday for the New Year holiday.

Tunebugs and Storytime will not be held Friday or Tuesday.

Three Oaks

Campfire Story Time will be held at 2 p.m. Thursdays beginning Jan. 8. Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal for a fun time around the campfire with stories, a craft and s'mores.

Storytime will be 10:30 a.m. Fridays.

Van Buren

All locations will close at 4 p.m. today, will remain closed Thursday and reopen Friday for the New Year holiday.

Watervliet

The library will be closed today and Thursday in observance of the New Year holiday.

Toddler Time is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

Yoga class will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

In brief

Berrien Springs Camera Club to meet Jan. 7

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Springs Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Berrien Springs Community Library, Cass and Union streets.

Three artists/photographers will critique pictures and give reasons for how they would judge them if this were a competition. Members will join in and offer their observations and suggestions.

Judges will be local painter Nathan Greene, Michiana photographer Breanna Bell and local photographer Emmanuel St. Cloud.

Each member may submit five images ahead for this critiquing session. Submission guidelines may be found at berrienspringscameraclub.blogspot.com.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Tesla software upgrade will let Model S reach 155 mph, carmaker says

By CHARLES FLEMING
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

LOS ANGELES — Because zero to 60 in 3.2 seconds and a top speed of 130 miles per hour are just not enough, Tesla has quietly announced a software upgrade that will allow its 85D and P85D Model S electric cars to achieve a top speed of 155 mph.

The Palo Alto car company said in an asterisk attached to its online Model S specifications sheet that the new performance levels can be achieved with a free software upgrade.

The upgrade applies to Tesla's more powerful Model S 85D, which has a more powerful battery and longer range than the base Model S and produces roughly the same 380 horsepower from a dual motor that distributes power to both front and rear wheels.

But it also applies to the P85D, which is a Model S outfitted with the larger battery and dual motor paired with a performance package that produces 691 horsepower – 221 horsepower at the front wheels, 470 horsepower at the rear.

Heretofore, the 85D and P85D had been electronically limited to 130 mph.

The 85D starts at $85,570 and the P85D at $106,570, before rebates – somewhat above the $74,570 MSRP for the entry-level Model S.

The online statement reads, in part:

"The P85D top speed is currently electronically limited to 130 mph. In the coming months, we will be able to upgrade the car free of charge to enable a 155 mph top speed. This free update will be available for the lifetime of the car (not limited to the first owner). Additionally, an over-the-air firmware upgrade to the power electronics will improve P85D performance at high speed above what anyone outside Tesla has experienced to date."

That last bit is apparently a reference to performance issues that some testers had with the P85D's torque.

An independent dynamometer test, reported this week on the auto blog Drag Times, put the dual-motor P85D's torque level at an astonishing 864 pound-feet.

But Drag Times also found the vehicle had difficulty maintaining that torque level. The Tesla phrasing about improving performance at high speed "above what anyone outside Tesla has experienced" seems to address that.

The "over-the-air firmware upgrade" could mean an improved zero to 60 score, too.

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This October file photo shows the Wall Street entrance of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. and global stocks fell Tuesday as investors closed their positions ahead of the New Year and amid concern over political uncertainty in Greece.

Global markets fall as New Year holiday nears

By KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Lingering concerns about the political future of Greece pushed U.S. and global stock markets modestly lower on Tuesday.

Trading was slow as most investors have closed their books for 2014. It was the eighth-slowest day of the year on the New York Stock Exchange.

As been the case several times this year, investors turned their eyes to Europe.

Greek stocks stabilized after a volatile day Monday, when the country's government was forced to call elections that could create more economic turmoil. Investors worry that the elections might be won by the left-wing opposition Syriza party, which opposes the austerity measures associated with Greece's international financial rescue deal. The Athens stock market plunged as much as 11 percent on Monday before recovering some of those losses to close down 4 percent that day.

"An election puts all sorts of doubt on the future of the bailout agreement," said Stan Shamu, a market strategist at IG Markets. "Potentially markets had already priced this in, but I would still remain cautious around Greece."

U.S. stocks opened lower and stayed down throughout the day. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 55.16 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,983.07. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 10.22 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,080.35 and the Nasdaq composite fell 29.47 points, or 0.6 percent, to 4,777.44.

European markets also fell. France's CAC 40 lost 1.7 percent, Germany's DAX declined 1.2 percent and Britain's FTSE 100 dropped 1.3 percent. Greece's stock market fell 0.4 percent.

At this point, most investors are done trading for the year. The market is also expected to be quiet Wednesday ahead of New Year's Day holiday, however oftentimes the last trading day of the year does see a modest burst of trading as some investors shift their portfolios around for tax purposes.

With one more trading day in 2014, the S&P 500 is up 12.6 percent for the year, or 15.4 percent including dividends. That gain is almost double what stock market strategists expected at the beginning of the year.

"There were some negative surprises along the way, including the Ebola scare and increasing social tensions around the globe," Gary Thayer, chief macro strategist at Wells Fargo Advisors, wrote in a note to investors. "However, U.S. markets were able to weather these problems as (the U.S. economy) improved."

In other markets, the dollar fell against the euro and yen. The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note fell to 2.19 percent from 2.20 percent Monday.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 51 cents to settle at $54.12 a barrel in New York. On Monday, the contract plunged $1.12 to settle at $53.61. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, edged up two cents to close at $57.90 a barrel in London.

In other energy commodities, wholesale gasoline was little changed at $1.454 a gallon, heating oil rose two cents to $1.869 a gallon and natural gas fell 10.5 cents to close at $3.094 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold rose $18.50 to $1,200.40 an ounce, silver rose 50 cents to $16.28 an ounce and copper rose three cents to $2.85 a pound.

How wealth gap complicates sibling relationships

By BERNARD CONDON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — When Jayson Seaver thinks about why he makes so much money while some Americans can't catch a break, he thinks of the sacrifices he's made, the jobs he worked to pay for college, the 12-hour days he spends at the office now.

And he thinks of his youngest sister, Jackie, whom he practically begged to go to college and how she refused and is "paying for it" now, watching with envy while he flies around on vacation and enjoys his wealth.

At least that's how he sees it. She has a different view. But they don't talk much.

"I'm disappointed in her," says Jayson, 37. "I think it's distanced us."

It's a story as old as humankind: People raised in the same home, at the same time, by the same parents, who as adults land in vastly different financial circumstances.

Experts see a growing trend. The same forces that have increasingly separated the richest Americans from everyone else is dividing brothers and sisters, too. It's given rise to a mix of often conflicting emotions – jealousy and resentment, disappointment and distance, but also frequently understanding and respect.

From 2009 through 2012, income for the wealthiest 1 percent of households surged 31 percent, after adjusting for inflation, according to research by economist Emmanuel Saez of the University of California, Berkeley. For everyone else, income inched up just 0.4 percent.

As the wealth gap has widened, some mental health professionals say they've seen more patients for whom such a divide has become a personal issue.

In 35 years practicing psychotherapy, Janna Malamud Smith says she's never had so many clients troubled by sibling wealth. The complaints have grown so familiar to her she can riff on them without pause:

"'My sibling can afford to join this country club, and I can't.' 'My brother has houses in four countries, and why can't he help me out?'"

There's more than one reason Stuart Schneider and his siblings stopped speaking years ago. But Schneider, 53, thinks the problem began when he struck it rich in the late '90s selling high-end textiles and began driving a Land Rover and sporting a Rolex watch.

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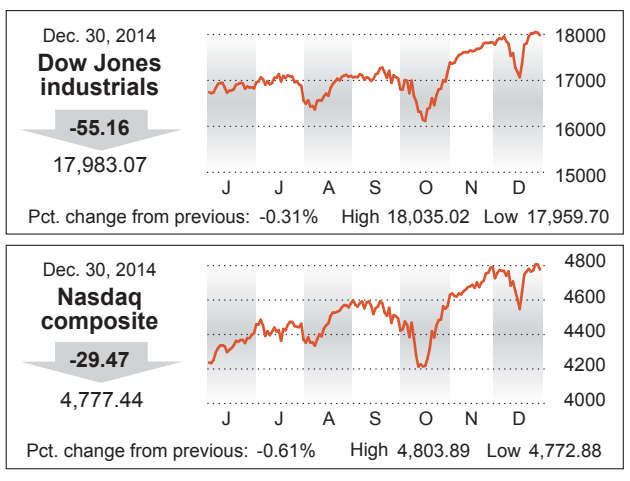

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hp FOOD

Hawaiian flavors for a New Year's Eve dinner

My friend Jeannee Yermakoff, who has a house just north of St. Joseph, has created a Hawaiian-themed progressive end of the year dinner.

"It's not your everyday New Year's Eve dinner," says Jeannee, author of the blog aglobalgarnish.com. "Our menu includes indigenous foods from pre-Captain Cook days; cuisine introduced by Asian, European and North American immigrants; a sampling of Hawaiian plate lunches; and melds of the above."

Jane Ammeson

As she has in the past for other dinners like this, Jeannee assigns each of her friends a dish to make and supplies the recipe. This year's menu includes a Luau dish – Kahlua pork, which is traditionally cooked in a large underground pit where the pork is steamed and smoked with Hawaiian Alaea salt (though Jeannee notes you don't have to dig up your backyard, as a smoker will do the trick as well). Other dishes include pineapple fried rice, Asian Salad with Macadamia nuts, and chocolate and Macadamia nut cookies. One of the most intriguing menu items is Spam Musabi,, which Jeannee describes as typical of eclectic Hawaiian cuisine.

"This creation melds the influence of Japanese and North American cultures," she says, noting that during World War II, Hormel provided massive quantities of Spam ("Special Army Meat") to the troops. I'll provide Jeannee's recipe in another column, but for those saying "yuck" or some variation of the word, Jeannee says don't knock it until you try it.

The dessert centerpiece is Halekulani Coconut Cake with Raspberry Coulis, a 60-year plus favorite at the Halekulani Hotel on Oahu. The hotel's recipe for this classic cake is below.

E'ai kakau (Bon Appetit)!

Halekulani Coconut Cake with Raspberry Coulis

(8 servings)

Sponge Cake:
3/4 cup cake flour
1/3 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons oil
1 egg
1/3 cup water
4 egg whites
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Sift together in a small bowl, cake flour, sugar, salt and baking powder. Set aside. In separate bowl, combine well the oil, egg and water, and add them to the sifted ingredients. Mix batter until smooth.

In a separate bowl, whip egg whites and the cream of tartar. Gradually add the sugar, continue to whip until it forms a stiff meringue. Fold batter into the meringue only until just combined; do not over mix.

Pour the entire batter into an ungreased 9-inch cake pan and bake for approximately 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Invert cake onto a flat surface lined with parchment paper. Set aside to cool. Store in the freezer for several hours before cutting.

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Dave Hensrud of Dave's Cafe, located in the Lakeside Inn, displays a Krumkake, a popular Norwegian cookie.

Café settles in at Lakeside Inn

Dave's Café is influenced by Norwegian heritage, French classics

By JANE AMMESON
HP Correspondent

Describing the cuisine he serves at his café as American using the techniques of classic French, Dave Hensrud pauses and then adds, "with a little touch of Norwegian as well."

Hensrud is talking about the dishes he learned to make from his mother and grandmother back home in North Dakota, just an hour from the Canadian border. Many of the people living there were hardy Scandinavians who were used to temperatures 50 degrees below zero and winter days that started at 10 a.m. and ended at 3 p.m.

"My mother just sent me two lefse turners," he says, pulling a wooden stick with a small very thin flipper at one end from a cloth bag decorated with Scandinavian designs. "You can't buy them around here, and to flip lefse you need something much thinner than a pancake turner."

For the uninformed (which, until a few days ago, included me), lefse is a type of Norwegian flatbread made from a thin batter containing potatoes. Poured on a griddle, they are almost paper thin and it takes a deft hand to flip them without creating holes. Hensrud's mother is known for her skill at making lefse, and Hensrud remembers that during the holiday season people would line up in front of their house to buy the lefse she made.

ABOVE: Dave Hensrud, owner/executive chef at Dave's Cafe, located in the Lakeside Inn, prepares lefse, a very thin Norwegian flatbread.
LEFT: The café is housed in the Lakeside Inn, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"It's like a dying art, though," he says. "My mom is getting up in years and isn't going to make them this year. I want to keep the tradition alive."

Other Norwegian foods on the menu include house pickled beets and salmon, which is also smoked in house.

Those are just fun exceptions. He describes his

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Simple, satisfying vegetable soup

By RUSS PARSONS
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

I will bow to no one in my affection for holiday cooking. The month of December seems to be one solid buffet of parties, dinners and an almost constant barrage of cookies, tamales and big hunks of roasted meat.

I love it all, but every once in a while, I need a break. After a long workday, you won't believe how reassuring a baked sweet potato with good butter and lots of black pepper can be.

If I've got a little more time and feel like puttering, I usually find myself turning to different kinds of vegetable soups or stews. Honestly, I sometimes think you could throw an almost random selection of vegetables in a pot and bring them to a boil and wind up with something pretty tasty – if you know what you're doing. Here are a few guidelines.

Choose carefully: Let me start by apologizing for that word "random." In cooking – or at least good cooking – nothing is truly random. But you'd be surprised how far you can get by sticking with that old local-and-seasonal thing. Potatoes, fennel, winter squash and greens? I can think of half a dozen dishes without even trying.

You need starch: It gives soup heft. If you're using pasta, rice or grains, cook them first and add them at the end so they don't muddy the broth or overcook. If you're using potatoes, use smooth-skinned boilers and add them early, so they have time to absorb flavors.

When in doubt, add greens: And then if you're still uncertain, add more greens. I don't know a cook who doesn't have a few bags of odd scraps of lettuce, kale and chard in the crisper drawer. Soup is a great way to get the most out of them, and the more (and the more kinds), the merrier.

Water's fine: Sure, you can use a vegetable broth if you want, but don't overlook simply adding water – that way, you also can control the amount of salt more accurately. If you've got the right blend of vegetables, you won't need any added flavors.

Season assertively: If there is one common fault with vegetable soups, it's timidity in seasoning, particularly salt. As always, you don't want the food to taste salty, but the right amount awakens all the other flavors. This is especially true if you've added starches – they suck salt out of a soup like nobody's business.

Acidity is a seasoning too. This is overlooked by too many cooks, but if a soup or stew tastes a little flat, and you've seasoned it correctly with salt, try adding some vinegar or lemon juice to finish. As little as a teaspoon can make a big difference, giving the flavors a strong backbone to hang from.

Don't fear fat: You've salted correctly and added just the right dash of lemon juice, but the dish still lacks something? A drizzle of olive oil, a dollop of herb paste or a shaving of hard cheese such as Parmigiano or ricotta salata can provide a final lift.

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Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Dave Hensrud of Dave's Café prepares lefse, a traditional Norwegian flatbread his mother taught him to make.

DAVE'S CAFE

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cooking as being inspired by famed French chef Jacques Pépin, whom he calls "the best chef in the world." Pepin must think highly of Hensrud as well. A framed letter from the chef congratulates Dave on the opening of his restaurant.

Dave's Café, which is open every morning for breakfast and on weekends – there's a Saturday buffet and Sunday brunch – offers such fare as Eggs Benedict, house-made sourdough bread French toast, omelets, eggs, sausage, bacon or ham with cottage fries, a kids menu and one other "Norwegian via North Dakota" recipe – Grandma Hazel's Buttermilk Pancakes.

Sunday brunch offers more diverse menu items. It changes frequently but has in the past featured aged choice gaucho sirloin steak, Cajun roast pork loin, red beans and rice and, in the adjacent wood-floored ballroom, a large display of desserts. The Thanksgiving buffet included roast fresh turkey, cider glazed baked bone-in ham, pecan sausage stuffing, and real mashed potatoes and gravy.

The cafe is located on the side porch of the Lakeside Inn, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The inn, which dates to the 1860s when it was called Pleasant Grove, is believed to be the oldest continuously operating resort in Southwest Michigan. Located across the street from Lake Michigan, the three-story inn was an idyllic spot for vacationers with its long wide front porch, private beach and cozy reception area with a wood-burning fireplace. The inn is a rambling sort of place with great views from the windows, original art dating back several owners ago, big comfy chairs and – of course – the airy porch housing Dave's Café.

Hensrud says his mother, Janet Restad, and grandmother, Hazel Carlson – besides teaching him to cook and bake – instilled the connection to family and feelings that good cooking brings about. He carries that on. In the winter – a slower time of the year at the inn – Hensrud acts as general manager and executive chef. His wife, Flana McGowan, waits tables and handles the front of the house, and his son David is sous chef.

The café is very busy in the summer, and it also offers picnic lunches for people heading to the beach. Even in the winter the team keeps busy with catering events and large parties – the ballroom can hold up to 140 people. Before opening the café, Hensrud worked at Timothy's, which is housed at the Gordon Beach Inn – which is owned by the same family that owns the Lakeside Inn. Prior to that he worked at Fitzgerald's in Sawyer and other places "up and down the lake."

He says he loves the large kitchen he has for baking fresh breads daily and making sauces and almost everything else from scratch. He uses local as much as possible as well.

"We're a café in a historic Lake Michigan inn and we want our food to be as genuine as our surroundings," Hensrud says.

Dave's Café is at 15251 Lakeshore Road, Lakeside. For more information: 469-4511 or www.lakesideinns.com.

Pickled beets, a popular Norwegian dish, at Dave's Café.

Dave's Café, in the historic Lakeside Inn, is open every morning for breakfast as well as for a Saturday buffet and Sunday brunch.

Janet Restad's Norwegian Lefse

1/2 stick butter
1/4 cup cream
2 tablespoons sugar
Pinch salt
2-3 pounds white potatoes
2-3 pounds red potatoes
2 scant cups flour
Flour for rolling

Place butter, cream, sugar and salt in large bowl.

Peel and boil potatoes. Drain. While still hot, put through a potato ricer directly in bowl with the other ingredients. You need 8 cups total of cooked, riced potatoes.

Mix potatoes with other ingredients until well blended and butter is melted. Cover with a kitchen towel, not plastic, and place in refrigerator for at least 3 hours or overnight.

Remove from refrigerator and put mixture through potato ricer again. Add flour until a soft dough is formed, less than 2 cups. Roll dough into lime sized balls and place in bowl, covered with towel. It now must be rolled and will not hold.

To roll: You will need a flat griddle, a thin spatula (there is a special lefse turning stick used by Norwegians), and a rolling pin and large cutting board. There are pastry cloth socks made for boards and rolling pins for this specific purpose, as well as a rolling pin with grooves, but you can use standard equipment and it will work.

Heat the griddle to 450 degrees.

Flour the rolling surface well. Flatten a dough ball slightly and flour top. Gently roll the ball into a circle about 5 inches in diameter. Flip the dough, lightly flour, and continue rolling until 10 inches in diameter.

The dough is very delicate and will be thin enough to see through. Slide your spatula or lefse turner under the lefse and gently lift to the griddle. Cook on each side about 90 seconds, until slightly mottled brown spots appear. Place the cooked lefse on a kitchen towel to cool. As soon as they are cool, cover with a towel.

Wrap lefse in groups of three, folded into triangles, in plastic wrap. Refrigerate immediately. Can be frozen at this time.

To serve, remove and let reach room temperature. Unfold and spread with soft butter and sprinkle with sugar. Place on a serving plate.

Grandma Hazel Carlson's Pickled Beets

3 pounds fresh beets
2 cups white vinegar
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup kosher salt
2 tablespoons pickling spice
Water to cover

Boil beets whole. When just tender in center, remove and cool slightly. Peel beets and cut into 1/2-inch by 3/4-inch pieces with a crinkle cutter.

Heat remaining ingredients. Add cut beets and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and place in refrigerator overnight. Serve with smoked salmon, as a nice side to cold meats, or on all holiday tables.

SOUP

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Because the rest of the soup is basically nothing but vegetables and water, you can liven it up a little.

Here is a delicious example from "Persiana" from Sabrina Ghayour. It's simple to make but striking enough to be the centerpiece of a holiday dinner. But even given its gorgeous looks, Ghayour promises "there are no rules for making it; the simple truth is that this soup should contain whatever you might find lying around the house and in your fridge."

Spiced Vegetable Soup

2 hours, 40 minutes. Serves 10 to 12

Herb oil:
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons olive oil, more if needed
Good handful parsley
Good handful dill
Good handful cilantro
Handful shelled pistachios
Squeeze of lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste

Put the olive oil, parsley, dill and cilantro in a bowl along with the pistachios, lemon juice and some salt and pepper, and blitz with a hand blender until the mixture is finely chopped and has the consistency of pesto. If you need to slacken the mixture, add a bit more oil.

Spiced vegetable soup:
2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
2 large onions, diced, plus 1 large onion cut in half and thinly sliced into half-moons, separated
3 cloves garlic, crushed
3 leeks, trimmed, cleaned and finely chopped
3 boiling potatoes, unpeeled, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
5 tomatoes, roughly chopped
4 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons smoked paprika
3 teaspoons hot pepper paste, such as harissa
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 (14- to 15- 1/2-ounce) cans chickpeas (reserve the liquid plus a couple of handfuls of chickpeas to garnish)
1 large zucchini, finely diced
3 1/2 ounces feta cheese
Herb oil

Heat a large saucepan over medium heat and add enough olive oil to generously coat the base of the pan. Add the butternut squash, diced onions, garlic, leeks and potatoes, and cook, without browning, until the vegetables soften slightly, about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the tomatoes, cumin, cinnamon, paprika and hot pepper paste, and give it all a good stir to ensure the spices evenly coat the vegetables. Cover the vegetables completely with water, add a generous amount of salt (I would suggest at least 4 teaspoons) and black pepper. Stir once more and continue to cook at a gentle boil until the squash is tender when poked with a knife, about 30 minutes.

Puree the mixture in a food processor or blender until you get a lovely, even, smooth soup. Once smooth, add the chickpeas and their liquid, and stir well.

Adjust the consistency of the soup with additional water if desired, then taste and adjust seasoning if needed. Cook an additional 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, then add the zucchini and cook for a final 20 minutes before serving.

While the soup is cooking, drizzle some olive oil into a large frying pan set over high heat, and fry the sliced onion until browned and crispy. Add the reserved chickpeas and brown them along with the onions. Using a slotted spoon, remove the onions and chickpeas from the pan and set aside. This makes about 31/2 quarts soup.

Pour the soup into large bowls (preferably wide, shallow ones), then generously crumble the feta on top. Drizzle a couple of tablespoons of the herb oil into each bowl over the feta. Finally, add the reserved crispy fried onions and chickpeas.

Adapted from Sabrina Ghayour's "Persiana."

AMMESON

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Cream:
1 3/4 cups milk
3 ounces sugar
Pinch salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract or 1/2 vanilla bean
1/4 cup milk
2 ounces cornstarch
2 eggs
1 ounce butter
1 1/4 cups coconut flakes
1/2 cup Amaretto

Combine the 1 3/4 cups milk, sugar, salt and the vanilla into a medium saucepan. Bring the mixture to a boil. Combine well the 1/4 cup milk with the cornstarch, then add the eggs and beat several times.

When the milk boils, temper the cornstarch mixture into the hot milk by pouring about 1/2 cup of the hot liquid into the cornstarch and mixing well, then pouring it back into the main pot. Stir constantly until thick. Remove from the heat and stir in the butter.

Remove the custard from the saucepan and place in a bowl. Cover the custard with plastic wrap so it touches the custard. This will help prevent a skin from forming on the custard.

Place over an ice bath to cool quickly. Store in the refrigerator. After the pastry cream has cooled to the touch, fold in the coconut flakes, Amaretto and whipped cream. Combine well. Store in the refrigerator.

Whipped Cream:
3 cups heavy cream
3 tablespoons sugar
1 1/2 cups coconut flakes

Combine the heavy cream and the sugar together in a mixing bowl and whip until stiff peaks form. About 1 cup of whipped cream is to be added to the chilled pastry cream, and the remaining whipped cream is to be used to frost the cake.

Raspberry Coulis:
1 pint fresh raspberries
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup water

Bring sugar and water to a boil and reduce for 5 minutes to create a one-quarter cup of simple syrup. Chill the simple syrup over an iced water bath until cold.

Pulverize the raspberries and the simple syrup together in a blender and strain. Chill until ready to use.

To finish the cake: When the cake is completely cooled, cut the cake into three layers using a serrated knife.

Place the bottom layer on a 9-inch cake board or a serving plate. Place half of the coconut cream on the first layer of cake and spread to the edge of the cake evenly.

Place the second layer of cake on top of the coconut cream and repeat this process, ending with the last layer of cake.

Frost the entire cake with the remaining whipped cream and gently press the coconut flakes into the sides and top of the cake.

To serve: Cut the cake into 8 pieces and serve with raspberry coulis.

Breakfasts and Banquets

Burger night: Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, County Road 687, Hartford, will hold burger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost for burgers is $3 and taco salads are $5.75. Call 621-3994 after 2 p.m. for more information.

Fish fry: Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, County Road 687, Hartford, will hold a fish fry from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Menu includes fish, chicken and shrimp. Prices begin at $7, salad bar included. Call 621-3994 after 2 p.m. for more information.

Fish dinner: Coloma Rod and Gun Club, 6145 Angling Road, Coloma, will have an all-you-can-eat fish dinner from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Menu includes fish, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad, garlic toast and dessert. Cost is $8.

Fish dinner: Fellowship Baptist Mission Church, 171 N. Euclid, Benton Harbor, will serve fish dinner from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday. Menu includes fish, cole slaw, spaghetti or fries and hush puppies. Cost is $8 plus $2 for dessert.

"Breakfast and Banquets" appears each Wednesday in the Focus Food Section.

The deadline is the preceding Wednesday at noon. Civic groups sponsoring fund-raising meals, classes or other food related events should send information in writing to: Focus Department, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or fax to 429-4398; or email, focus@heraldpalladium.com.

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Harbaugh: Michigan got its 'man'

Editor's note: Due to a production error on Monday, The Herald-Palladium is reprinting Jason Mitchell's column in its entirety.

Jason Mitchell
Tuesday's Topics

On Monday evening, Jim Harbaugh was somewhere in Ann Arbor or the metro Detroit area, being wined and dined by University of Michigan officials, boosters, and the like.

He signed his $40 million contract, and was formally introduced as the school's next football coach Tuesday.

The Michigan fan base is awash in hope and glory, with visions of championships and fame at the top of their maize-colored minds.

Go Blue!

As a Michigan State Man, the lovey-dovey stuff is getting pretty thick.

As an observer of sports, I absolutely commend U-M on this hire and the process used to secure Mr. Harbaugh's services.

I honestly didn't think it would happen.

Interim Athletic Director Jim Hackett laid out a plan, got school officials on board, got around his Brinks truck full of cash, marshalled together past players from the Wolverines' glorious past, and put on a full-out assault to land Harbaugh.

The school appears to be coming out of its decade-long fog and getting its act together.

And U-M knows the risks involved, too. With that kind of cash and that effort, it knows it's basically handing over complete control to Harbaugh.

The expectations are high. So is the paycheck. For the Wolverine faithful, so are the rewards.

Two thoughts:

■ This mess isn't getting sorted out in one season.

■ The Big Ten's East Division is getting better by the year, and the other six divisional schools aren't afraid of the Wolverines or the Big House.

The rest of the league isn't going to bow down to Michigan. Those days are over.

Virginia isn't happy

On Monday, the Chicago Bears finally held some people accountable for their awful jobs by firing head coach Marc Trestman and general manager Phil Emery.

Two years ago, I lauded the hiring of Trestman, saying it was time for a new era for Bears football and a break from the stodgy, ineffective past that supported mediocrity for 25 years.

I gave myself an out, too, suggesting that the whole thing could blow up in the Bears' faces.

It did, in spectacular fashion.

What a disappointment, but the signs were there long ago. That defense hit rock-bottom and needs another

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A rousing reception for Harbaugh

Carlos Osorio / AP

Jim Harbaugh, Michigan's new head football coach, arrives for a news conference at the school on Tuesday.

New Michigan football coach vows 'excellence all across the board'

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR — By the time Jim Harbaugh walked onto the court at halftime of the Michigan basketball game, his homecoming had turned into a full-fledged pep rally.

"I pledge to you that we will do our very best to carry on the great tradition of Michigan — excellence all across the board," the Wolverines' new football coach said to the cheering crowd at Crisler Center during Tuesday's matinee win against Illinois — in an overtime thriller, naturally.

"You know how to make a guy feel at home," Harbaugh yelled, his voice sounding hoarse from a whirlwind few days.

Harbaugh is back. And none too soon for fans who desperately want him to save the football program where he starred as a quarterback 30 years ago — one that has fallen into the middle of the pack at best in the Big Ten Conference and become an afterthought in the national landscape.

The day began with a packed news conference, onlookers peeking through the windows from outside at the famous alumni as he strode to the podium for a smiling, lighthearted session

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Tough final for Panthers

Don Campbell / HP staff

Watervliet's Katie Schultz tries to push past Black River's Eliza Beird during the first half of Tueday's game.

Watervliet falls in Bridgman tourney championship to Black River

By AL AREND
HP Sports Writer

BRIDGMAN — Watervliet's girls basketball team ran into a buzz saw here Tuesday night in the championship game of the Bridgman Holiday Tournament.

Holland Black River forced the Panthers into 31 turnovers, including 23 in the opening half on its way to an easy 66-26 mercy clock victory.

"We call it soccer on the court," said Black River coach Brent Rowe, whose Class C squad improved to 6-1 on the season with its only loss

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Late shot boosts Comets

Rushing 3-pointer leads Coloma past Buchanan

By AUSTIN BORNHEIM
HP Sports Writer

BUCHANAN — Coloma's Auston Rushing is a big guy.

He stands 6-foot-6, second tallest on the team, but he goes places that a typical post player won't venture.

Coloma 40
Buchanan 39

Rushing's comfort outside of the paint proved to be Coloma's saving grace in a 40-39 victory Tuesday night at Buchanan.

With less than 1:30 left to play and his team trailing by two, Rushing spotted up behind the 3-point line, received a pass and put up a shot without hesitation.

It went in, hardly touching the rim, to put Coloma ahead for good.

"I've played a wing since I was a freshman. It's just something I've always done," said Rushing, who also hit a pair of late free throws to put the Comets ahead three. "I've really been working on my jump shot, and it went down tonight."

Buchanan (2-2) had an opportunity to undo Rushing's heroics, but — like most of the game — committed a foul at an inopportune time.

Following an Eli Lewis layup to cut the deficit to one, the Bucks got the ball with 20 seconds and a chance to take back the lead.

Buchanan's Tyler Flynn dribbled down the baseline, but when he left his feet to take the shot Coloma's Jason Walter drew a charge with two seconds on the clock.

"We didn't do it exactly like we drew it up, but sometimes it is better to be lucky than good," Coloma coach Paul Marfia said.

Rushing led all scorers with 15 points, and Walter was second

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Game-winning field goal lifts Irish in Music City Bowl

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Notre Dame and senior kicker Kyle Brindza got the finish they had missed too often the last half of the season. Beating a Southeastern Conference team in southern territory only made it that much sweeter.

Notre Dame 31
LSU 28

Brindza hit a 32-yard field goal as time expired, and Notre Dame upset No. 22 LSU 31-28 in a Music City Bowl shootout Tuesday.

"This was a matchup that we had wanted at Notre Dame, and I know LSU felt the same way," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "We wanted to be challenged. We were disappointed in the way we played obviously at the end of the year, and our guys wanted the opportunity to finish the season the right way."

The Tigers were unsuccessful on a fake field goal at the end of the first half, a call that stood on review even though replays appeared to show the ball crossing the goal line. The Fighting Irish (8-5) also blocked a 40-yard field goal attempt by Trent Domingue early in the fourth quarter.

Kelly watched the fake field goal on the video board and thought the Irish stopped holder Brad Kragthorpe short. LSU coach Les Miles thought Kragthorpe scored and wasn't happy the play wasn't overturned for a touchdown. Miles also wasn't pleased at the lack of better replays that might have shown Kragthorpe got the ball over the line before his knee went down.

"The guy that carried the

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Mark Humphrey / AP

Notre Dame quarterback Malik Zaire is tripped up by LSU linebacker Kwon Alexander (4) during the first half of the Music City Bowl on Tuesday.

In brief

Pistons beat Magic for 3rd straight win

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Jodie Meeks scored 34 points off the bench, shooting 9 for 11 on 3-pointers, and Andre Drummond added 17 points and 22 rebounds Tuesday night to lead the Detroit Pistons to a 109-86 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Drummond, the NBA's No. 2 rebounder at 12.8 per game, sat out the final 14 minutes after coming within three rebounds of the league's season high.

The Pistons (8-23) have won three straight for the first time since February last season.

Victor Oladipo led the Magic, who were also seeking a third straight win, with 16 points. Tobias Harris added 15 points and eight rebounds.

After Meeks made all six of his 3s in the second quarter and scored 20 points in the period, the Pistons opened an 18-point lead in the third. The Magic never again got the deficit under nine.

Cowboys' Melton out with knee injury

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas defensive tackle Henry Melton will miss the playoffs because of a right knee injury sustained in the regular-season finale at Washington.

Melton, who missed most of last season in Chicago with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, was placed on injured reserve Tuesday with a bruised right knee.

Dallas replaced Melton by signing linebacker James Anderson, a third-round pick by Carolina in 2006. Anderson spent seven seasons with the Panthers and one in Chicago before playing in seven games with Tennessee this season.

Coughlin, Reese returning to Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants are sticking with their coach and general manager after a second straight losing season.

Co-owner John Mara announced Tuesday that coach Tom Coughlin will return for a 12th season and Jerry Reese will be back as GM despite an "embarrassing" 6-10 record.

"Right now I think Tom gives us the best chance to win going forward," Mara said, noting he felt like firing everyone in the organization after a loss at Jacksonville in late November, the last in a seven-game losing streak.

Coughlin has a year left on his contract and Mara said the two would discuss it, but did not indicate if the coach would get an extension. The 68-year-old Coughlin joked he would like a 10-year extension.

Georgia runs over Louisville in Belk

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Freshman Nick Chubb ran for a career-high 266 yards and two touchdowns, and No. 13 Georgia overcame an injury to starting quarterback Hutson Mason to beat 20th-ranked Louisville 37-14 in the Belk Bowl on Tuesday night.

Chubb averaged 8 yards per carry and the Bulldogs (10-3) piled up 301 yards rushing against the nation's second-best run defense.

Mason threw for 149 yards and a touchdown before leaving with blurred vision in the second quarter with the Bulldogs ahead 20-7.

He was replaced by Brice Ramsey, whose primary duty was to hand the ball off to Chubb.

Airwaves

Television today

12:00 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** St. John's at Seton Hall. (Live) (CC)
12:30 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl — Mississippi vs. Texas Christian. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Penn State at Wisconsin. T(Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Temple at Connecticut. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (Csnch) **College Basketball** Bradley at Loyola-Chicago. (Live)
2:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Butler at Villanova. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Wofford at Duke. (Live)
3:15 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Minnesota at Purdue. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (Csnch) **College Basketball** Indiana State at Illinois State. (Live)
4:10 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Vizio Fiesta Bowl — Arizona vs. Boise State. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** South Florida at Southern Methodist. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Marquette at DePaul. (Live) (CC)
5:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Indiana at Nebraska. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** New Jersey Devils at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Creighton at Providence. (Live) (CC)
8:10 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Capital One Orange Bowl — Georgia Tech vs. Mississippi State. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Georgetown at Xavier. (Live) (CC)

Thursday

7:45 a.m. (NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** Stoke City FC vs Manchester United FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Football** Outback Bowl — Auburn vs. Wisconsin. (Live)
12:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** Tottenham Hotspur FC vs Chelsea FC. (Live)
12:45 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic — Baylor vs. Michigan State. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Washington Capitals. 2015 Winter Classic. (Live) (CC)
(7) (13) (41) (57) **College Football** Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl — Minnesota vs. Missouri. (Live)
5:10 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football Rose Bowl** — Florida State vs. Oregon. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Csnch) **NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
8:50 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Allstate Sugar Bowl —Alabama vs. Ohio State. (Live)

Radio today

No area events scheduled.

Thursday

12:30 p.m.
College football — Cotton Bowl: Michigan State vs. Baylor (WCSY-FM, 103.7)
1 p.m.
NHL — Blackhawks at Capitals (WGN-AM, 720)
8 p.m.
NBA — Nuggets at Bulls (WMVP-AM, 1000)

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Bridgman's Jordan Jones works her way past White Pigeon's Sydney Harmon during the first half of Tuesday's game.

U-M tops Illinois in OT

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR — Jim Harbaugh's introduction at halftime was the big news, but Ricky Doyle helped make it an even happier homecoming for the new Michigan football coach, scoring the Wolverines' last seven points in regulation to force overtime and Michigan beat Illinois, 73-65, on Tuesday.

Harbaugh received the biggest cheers during the game, but Aubrey Dawkins stole the show, scoring 17 of his game-high 20 points after halftime. Dawkins' previous career-high was five points. Caris LeVert turned in his usual solid effort with 17 points and Doyle finished with 13 for Michigan (8-5 overall, 1-0 Big Ten).

Malcolm Hill scored 19 as the only player to finish in double digits for Illinois (10-4, 0-1). Rayvonte Rice chipped in eight points, 11 rebounds and six assists, and both Jaylon Tate and Aaron Cosby came off the bench to score seven points.

No. 12 Maryland 68, Michigan State 66, 2 OT

EAST LANSING — Dez Wells scored 16 points, including a tying 3 with 2.2 seconds left in regulation, and No. 12 Maryland earned a 68-66 double-overtime win over Michigan State on Tuesday night in the Terrapins' first-ever Big Ten game.

Melo Trimble, just 2-for-13 from the field, added 15 points for Maryland (13-1), which used its size advantage for a 52-36 edge on the boards.

Travis Trice scored 26 points for the Spartans (9-5, 0-1), who had just one double-figure scorer in 50 minutes.

The Terrapins' other big edge was going 26-for-32 from the foul line, all after halftime, while Michigan State missed great chances at the end of regulation and the first overtime.

No. 14 Notre Dame 87, Hartford 60

SOUTH BEND— Demetrius Jackson led four players in double figures with 18 points and No. 14 Notre Dame beat Hartford 87-60 on Tuesday night.

Jerian Grant shook off a minor leg injury in the first half to finish with 15 points in Notre Dame's final nonconference game of the season.

Pat Connaughton added 16 points and Zach Auguste scored 13 of his 15 in the second half for the Irish (13-1).

Already leading the nation in field goal shooting, the Irish hit on 53 percent from the field, knocked down 13 3-pointers, and led by as much as 30 in the second half.

Mark Nwakamma led Hartford (7-6) with 16 points and six rebounds. Yolonzo Moore II added 12 points.

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coming to Zeeland West. "Our press gave them problems in the first half and that pretty much was the game."

Black River forced Watervliet into 23 turnovers in the opening half building up a 32-10 lead at intermission.

Rowe called off the press in the second half, but his squad hit a red hot 15 of 23 field goal attempts in the last half and the running clock went into effect with four minutes left and Black River holding a 61-20 lead.

"We simply got beat by a better team tonight," said Watervliet coach Jeff Riley, whose team slipped to 5-2. "We're young and hopefully it was a wake-up call for us. We just seemed to be standing around tonight and were outhustled. Hopefully it was a learning experience."

Black River had three players in double digits as Sophie DeLeeuw led the way with 18, silky smooth guard Kim Birtman added 17 including five treys, and Anna Stubbs netted 10. The Holland team dominated the boards 36 to 18, and only committed 11 turnovers.

The Panthers got six points apiece from Casie Gohr and Lexi Kieft.

In the consolation game, White Pigeon outscored Bridgman by 11 points from the free throw line to post a 47-40 win.

Riley Phelps was a one-girl wrecking crew for the Chiefs pumping 26 points, including nailing five 3-pointers.

"We simply didn't do a good job getting out on her," noted Bridgman coach Todd Hendricks. whose team fell to 1-5.

The Bees' trio of Jordan Jones, Julie Jasper and Kelsey Gnodtke had eight points each.

Bridgman led 9-4 after the first quarter, but fell behind 22-21 at halftime and never were able to regain the lead. White Pigeon improved to 5-2 on the season.

BLACK RIVER 66, WATERVLIET 26

WATERVLIET (26)
Casie Gohr 3 0-0 6, Katie Schultz 0 1-2 1, Jayden McMiller 1 0-0 2, Lexi Kieft 2 0-0 6, Kara Liles 2 0-0 5, Logan Mizwicki 1 0-0 2, Karlee Liles 1 0-0 2, Alexis Elston 1 0-0 2. Totals: 11 1-2 26.
HOLLAND BLACK RIVER (66)
Anna Stubbs 5 0-0 10, Grace Dumez 1 1-1 3, Kim Birtman 6 0-0 17, Eliza Beird 5 1-2 12, Sophie DeLeeuw 9 0-0 18, Maggie Christie 0 1-2 1, Allyson Hicks 1 0-0 2, Abri Ingrassia 1 1-2 3. Totals: 28 4-7 66.

Watervliet	**3**	**7**	**10**	**6**	**— 26**
Black River	**16**	**16**	**20**	**14**	**— 66**

3-point baskets — Watervliet: 3 (Kieft 2, Kara Liles 1), Black River 6 (Birtman 5, Beird 1). Total fouls — Watervliet 11, Black River 9. Fouled out — None.
Records — Black River 6-1, Watervliet 5-2.

WHITE PIGEON 47, BRIDGMAN 40

WHITE PIGEON (47)
Riley Phelps 6 9-15 26, Danielle Chantrenne 1 2-4 4, Kathy Hager 0 0-2 0, Skyler DeMeyer 2 0-1 5, Sydney Harmon 2 5-6 10, Delaney Krebs 1 1-4 3. Totals: 12 17-32 47.
BRIDGMAN (40)
Jordan Jones 3 2-2 8, Julie Jasper 3 2-2 8, Jasmine Jones 1 1-1 3, Ashley Crowder 2 0-0 4, Kelsey Gnodtke 4 0-2 8, Madelynne Keller 2 0-0 6, Brooke Janes 1 1-2 3. Totals: 16 6-9 40.

White Pigeon	**4**	**18**	**14**	**11**	**— 47**
Bridgman	**9**	**12**	**11**	**8**	**— 40**

3-point goals — White Pigeon 6 (Phelps 5, DeMeyer 1) Bridgman 2 (Keller 2). Total fouls — White Pigeon 9, Bridgman 22. Fouled out — Jo. Jones (B), Keller (B).
Records — White Pigeon 5-2, Bridgman 1-5.

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with 14.

The two Coloma post players also headed a zone defense that the Bucks had trouble with.

Buchanan shot 30 percent from the field and settled for 3-pointers many possessions.

"I thought our kids played hard and forced a lot of turnovers," Buchanan coach Reid McBeth said. "Usually when you create that many turnovers you win … in a nutshet it comes down to we made three free throws and I probably only missed three."

Coloma was 10 for 16 from the free throw line and Buchanan was 3 for 9.

But there were other issues for the Bucks.

Flynn, the Bucks' most dynamic offensive player, was on the floor for less than 5 minutes of the first half because of foul trouble.

With Flynn on the bench the entire second quarter, Coloma (3-3) took control with a 14-2 run leading into halftime. Flynn returned after the break and immediately made an impact. Back-to-back assists started a 9-0 Buchanan run to pull within two.

Coloma would hold on to the lead, though, thanks to Rushing and Walter combining for all eight Coloma third quarter-points.

Buchanan eventually took the lead — the first time since the early second quarter — on a pair of Flynn free throws.

A Christian Catalano free throw put the Bucks ahead by two with 1:36 left to play.

On the next possession, Rushing broke the press before finding Skyler Brown in the corner.

Brown drew a double team, and he swung it back over to Rushing who knocked down the go-ahead 3.

"This was tournament basketball in December," Marfia said. "It doesn't get better than this and I'm just happy we get to walk out of here with a win."

Josiah Smith, who led Buchanan with 11 points, had an open 3 the next time down the court, but missed.

COLOMA 40, BUCHANAN 39

COLOMA (40)
Caleb Hester 1 0-0 2, Auston Rushing 4 6-7 15, Chase Moxley 1 4-6 6, Justin Pullins 1 0-0 3, Jason Walter 7 0-1 14. Totals: 14 10-16 40.
BUCHANAN (39)
Tyler Flynn 4 2-2 10, Josiah Smith 4 0-0 11, Dalton Riddle 2 0-1 4, Eli Lewis 3 0-2 6, Christian Catalano 1 1-2 4, Dustin Gray 2 0-2 4. Totals: 16 3-9 39.

Coloma	**9**	**14**	**8**	**9**	**— 40**
Buchanan	**10**	**2**	**13**	**14**	**— 39**

3-point goals — Coloma 2 (Rushing, Pullings), Buchanan 4 (Smith 3, Catalano). Total fouls — Coloma 14, Buchanan 18. Fouled out — Coloma: Lawson; Buchanan: none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Coloma 28 (Walter 12, Rushing 8); Buchanan 20 (Gray 5, Flynn 3, Riddle 3, Lewis 3, Catalano 3). Assists — Coloma 2, Buchanan 7 (Flynn 4). Steals — Coloma 4, Buchanan 9 (McCaffrey 3, Thomas 3). Blocks — Coloma 2 (Walter 2), Buchanan 2 (Flynn 2).
Records — Coloma 3-3, Buchanan 2-2.

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off-season or two to fix.

Trestman was uneven in his handling of players, his playcalling ... pretty much everything.

By all accounts, Trestman and Emery worked very, very hard. They also failed.

During Monday afternoon's news conference, Bears Chairman of the Board George McCaskey was asked about his mother's role in the big changes that took place.

His mother, of course, is Virginia McCaskey, the team's principal owner and the daughter of team founder George Halas.

His response was emotional, memorable and put the human element into one of the NFL's cornerstone teams.

"She's been very supportive. She agrees with the decisions that we made. She's pissed off," McCaskey said. "I can't think of a 91-year-old woman that that description would apply to. But in this case, I can't think of a more accurate description."

You must be really, really bad to upset the Queen of the NFL in such a matter.

That's how bad this season was for the Bears, and Emery and Trestman paid for it with their jobs.

New Year's fun

On Thursday, we'll have our yearly look back on the year in local sports. Also, I'll offer up my 2015 predictions (which are usually bad) and crowning of the 2014 "King of Michigan."

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Boys basketball

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COUNTRYSIDE (42)
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LAWRENCE (68)
Matt Cammire 23 Derek Gribler 19, Robert Peleaz 2, Rudolfo Deleon 3, Corey Brien 2, Jimmy Phelps 7, Joey Rokos 12.

Countryside	18	10	10	4	— 42
Lawrence	20	22	22	4	— 68

3-point goals — Countryside 3 (Pittman 3), Lawrence 0. Rebounds — Cammire 6, Rokos 10, Phelps 7. Assists — Gribler 5.
Record — Countryside 2-2, Lawrence 4-0.

Girls basketball

LAWRENCE 38, KAL. HOME SCHOOL 19

HOME SCHOOL (19)
Grace Geiger 0 1-2 1, Mededith Schmidt 1 0-0 2, Lauren Tuin 1 0-0 2, Erica Born 4 0-0 8, Sophie Frasier 1 0-0 2, Sarah Sedsua 0 4-6 4. Totals: 7 5-8 19.
LAWRENCE (38)
Lupita Nunez 1 2-4 4, Mara Carter 3 0-1 6, Kaytlyn Tidey 3 1-3 10, Sam Brumley 3 0-0 6, Daelynn Jackson-Peek 3 3-6 9, Kenisha Carter 1 1-5 3. Totals: 14 7-19 38.

Home School	**8**	**2**	**2**	**7**	**— 19**
Lawrence	**9**	**11**	**9**	**9**	**— 38**

3-point goals — Home School 0, Lawrence 1 (Tidey). Total fouls — Home School 15, Lawrence 12. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Jackson-Peek 15. JV — Lawrence 49, Home School 15.
Records — Home School 6-2, Lawrence 3-3.

CLIMAX-SCOTTS 58, EAU CLAIRE 34

Leading scorers: Taylor Dustin 15, Michelle King 6, Katie Herr 6.
Complete results unavailable.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Tuesday's scores
BOYS
Bad Axe 41, Ubly 39
Birmingham Brother Rice 60, Lansing Eastern 59
Bronson 55, Galesburg-Augusta 41
Canton 55, Orchard Lake St. Mary's 49
Cedar Springs 58, Holland West Ottawa 52
Clarkston 59, Ann Arbor Skyline 43
Climax-Scotts 59, Eau Claire 51
Dexter 51, Williamston 35
East Kentwood 58, Muskegon 57
Fulton-Middleton 75, Ithaca 71
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 74, Rockford 52
Grand Rapids Northview 69, Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 58
Grant 41, Fremont 40
Gwinn 59, Eben Junction Superior Central 34
Rapid River 43, Rock Mid Peninsula 42
Reading 59, Jonesville 29
Walled Lake Northern 54, Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 32
Waterford Kettering 62, Southgate Anderson 29
Wyoming 72, Comstock Park 29
Chelsea Tournament
Consolation
South Lyon 44, Fowlerville 43
Championship
Pinckney 45, Chelsea 32
Coldwater Tournament
Consolation
Fremont, Ind. 69, Coldwater 58
Grand Rapids Catholic Central Tournament
Consolation
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 53, Wyoming Potter's House Christian 38
Motor City Roundball Classic
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 52, Melvindale Academy for Business And Tech 32
Detroit Country Day 44, Hyde Park, Ill. 41
Goodrich 67, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 65
Oak Park 79, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep 48
Orr, Ill. 69, Detroit Pershing 54
Royal Oak 66, Harper Woods 45
North Branch Tournament
Consolation
Kingston 53, Brown City 42
Championship
North Branch 68, Capac 41
Traverse City West Tournament
Marquette 61, Traverse City Central 47
Midland Dow 58, Traverse City West 54
GIRLS
Cedar Springs 39, Hastings 36
Clarkston 60, Ann Arbor Skyline 27
Climax-Scotts 58, Eau Claire 34
DeWitt 53, Ann Arbor Huron 42
Galesburg-Augusta 38, Bronson 27
Jonesville 45, Reading 32
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 73, Warren Michigan Collegiate 35
Marquette 60, Traverse City Central 17
Michigan Center 47, Olivet 34
Midland Dow 32, Traverse City West 28
Muskegon Oakridge 44, Muskegon Orchard View 29
Sturgis 47, Kalamazoo Christian 35
Tawas 64, Grayling 43
Ubly 37, Bad Axe 16
Waterford Kettering 62, Southgate Anderson 29
West Branch Ogemaw Heights 49, Houghton Lake 34
Wyoming 62, Comstock Park 24
Ypsilanti Arbor Prep 59, Grand Rapids Catholic Central 55
Chelsea Tournament
Consolation
Detroit Ford 47, Fowlerville 39
Championship
Chelsea 53, Pinckney 38
Coldwater Tournament
Fremont, Ind. 65, Coldwater 59
Hudsonville Tournament
Championship
Hudsonville 51, Grandville 27
Motor City Roundball Classic
Bloomfield Hills Marian 74, E. Chicago, Ind. 48
Detroit Country Day 53, Midland 47
Waterford Kettering 62, Southgate Anderson 29

NBA

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	24	7	.774	—
Brooklyn	15	16	.484	9
Boston	10	18	.357	12½
New York	5	28	.152	20
Philadelphia	4	25	.138	19

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	23	8	.742	—
Washington	22	9	.710	1
Miami	14	18	.438	9½
Orlando	13	22	.371	12
Charlotte	10	22	.313	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	22	10	.688	—
Cleveland	18	13	.581	3½
Milwaukee	16	16	.500	6
Indiana	11	21	.344	11
Detroit	8	23	.258	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	23	8	.742	—
Houston	21	9	.700	1½
Dallas	23	10	.697	1
San Antonio	19	14	.576	5
New Orleans	16	15	.516	7

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	25	7	.781	—
Oklahoma City	15	17	.469	10
Denver	13	18	.419	11½
Utah	10	21	.323	14½
Minnesota	5	24	.172	18½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	24	5	.828	—
L.A. Clippers	21	11	.656	4½
Phoenix	18	15	.545	8
Sacramento	13	18	.419	12
L.A. Lakers	9	22	.290	16

Monday's Games
Chicago 92, Indiana 90
Milwaukee 104, Charlotte 94, OT
Orlando 102, Miami 101
Brooklyn 107, Sacramento 99
Washington 104, Houston 103
L.A. Clippers 101, Utah 97
Tuesday's Games
Detroit 109, Orlando 86
Atlanta 109, Cleveland 101
New Orleans 110, Phoenix 106
Brooklyn 96, Chicago 82
Memphis 95, San Antonio 87
Dallas 114, Washington 87
L.A. Lakers at Denver
Minnesota at Utah
Toronto at Portland
Philadelphia at Golden State
Today's Games
Sacramento at Boston, 1 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 3 p.m.
New York at L.A. Clippers, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

PISTONS 109, MAGIC 86

DETROIT (109)
Singler 4-8 0-0 9, Monroe 3-8 3-3 9, Drummond 6-11 5-16 17, Jennings 2-9 0-0 5, Caldwell-Pope 2-8 0-0 4, Jerebko 1-4 2-4 4, Butler 1-4 0-0 3, Augustin 4-8 2-2 11, Meeks 11-16 3-4 34, Tolliver 2-6 0-0 5, Anthony 3-3 0-0 6, Dinwiddie 1-1 0-0 2, Martin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-86 15-29 109.
ORLANDO (86)
Harris 6-11 2-3 15, O'Quinn 3-6 0-0 6, Vucevic 5-10 0-0 10, Payton 4-8 0-0 8, Oladipo 6-14 3-4 16, Frye 1-6 0-0 3, Fournier 4-9 0-0 9, Dedmon 4-6 0-0 8, B.Gordon 2-5 0-0 4, Ridnour 0-1 0-0 0, Harkless 0-1 1-2 1, Nicholson 3-5 0-1 6, Green 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 38-85 6-10 86.

Detroit	**20**	**34**	**26**	**29**	**— 109**
Orlando	**21**	**26**	**23**	**16**	**— 86**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 14-33 (Meeks 9-11, Butler 1-2, Augustin 1-3, Singler 1-4, Tolliver 1-5, Jennings 1-5, Jerebko 0-1, Caldwell-Pope 0-2), Orlando 4-20 (Harris 1-2, Fournier 1-3, Frye 1-4, Oladipo 1-5, Green 0-1, B.Gordon 0-1, Nicholson 0-1, Payton 0-1, O'Quinn 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 59 (Drummond 22), Orlando 52 (Dedmon 10). Assists—Detroit 22 (Augustin 10), Orlando 19 (Payton 6). Total Fouls—Detroit 14, Orlando 21. Technicals—Frye. A—17,414 (18,500).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MICHIGAN 73, ILLINOIS 65, OT

ILLINOIS (10-4)
Egwu 3-6 2-2 8, Starks 2-6 0-0 5, Hill 7-12 4-4 19, Rice 3-11 1-2 8, Nunn 1-4 0-0 3, Tate 3-3 1-1 7, Cosby 2-9 1-2 7, Black 2-4 2-3 6, Morgan 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 24-58 11-14 65.
MICHIGAN (8-5)
Chatman 1-2 0-0 2, Doyle 5-6 3-6 13, Walton Jr. 0-8 0-0 0, Irvin 4-15 2-2 13, LeVert 9-19 0-2 19, Albrecht 1-3 2-2 4, Abdur-Rahkman 0-0 0-0 0, Dawkins 6-8 2-2 20, Donnal 0-3 0-0 0, Bielfeldt 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 27-66 9-14 73.
Halftime—Illinois 32-26. End Of Regulation—Tied 59. 3-Point Goals—Illinois 6-15 (Cosby 2-5, Starks 1-1, Hill 1-2, Nunn 1-3, Rice 1-4), Michigan 10-28 (Dawkins 6-7, Irvin 3-10, LeVert 1-5, Albrecht 0-1, Chatman 0-1, Walton Jr. 0-2, Donnal 0-2). Fouled Out—Egwu. Rebounds—Illinois 36 (Rice 11), Michigan 39 (Albrecht 6). Assists—Illinois 11 (Rice 6), Michigan 15 (Albrecht, LeVert 5). Total Fouls—Illinois 15, Michigan 12. A—12,707.

NO. 12 MARYLAND 68, MICH. ST. 66, 2OT

MARYLAND (13-1)
Trimble 2-13 12-14 17, Layman 2-4 0-2 4, Pack 1-4 6-6 9, Dodd 2-4 0-0 4, Wells 5-14 5-6 16, Smotrycz 3-7 2-2 9, Wiley 0-2 0-0 0, Nickens 0-3 0-0 0, Cekovsky 1-3 0-0 2, Graham 3-3 1-2 7. Totals 19-57 26-32 68.
MICHIGAN ST. (9-5)
Forbes 3-8 1-2 9, Trice 7-22 9-10 26, Dawson 4-11 1-5 9, Schilling 3-3 1-2 7, Valentine 1-9 2-2 4, Clark Jr. 0-1 0-0 0, Bess 0-0 0-0 0, Ellis III 1-1 0-1 2, Costello 2-6 5-6 9, Nairn Jr. 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 21-65 19-28 66.
Halftime—Maryland 17-14. End Of Regulation—Tied 48. End Of 1st Overtime—Tied 55. 3-Point Goals—Maryland 4-22 (Wells 1-2, Pack 1-3, Smotrycz 1-3, Trimble 1-8, Nickens 0-2, Wiley 0-2, Layman 0-2), Michigan St. 5-22 (Trice 3-11, Forbes 2-5, Clark Jr. 0-1, Valentine 0-5). Fouled Out—Dodd, Nairn Jr., Smotrycz, Valentine. Rebounds—Maryland 52 (Layman 9), Michigan St. 36 (Dawson 11). Assists—Maryland 8 (Wells 5), Michigan St. 15 (Trice 6). Total Fouls—Maryland 24, Michigan St. 27. Technical—Maryland Bench. A—14,797.

NO. 14 NOTRE DAME 87, HARTFORD 60

HARTFORD (7-6)
Nwakamma 7-15 0-0 16, Sikma 3-7 0-0 7, Wroe 2-4 0-0 6, Dyson 2-7 0-0 5, Moore II 5-8 0-0 12, Cole 1-4 0-0 2, Graham 2-4 0-0 5, Carroll 3-6 1-2 7, Weir 0-0 0-0 0, Arciero 0-0 0-0 0, Crowley 0-0 0-0 0, Plousis 0-0 0-0 0, Schneck 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-55 1-2 60.
NOTRE DAME (13-1)
Auguste 6-8 3-4 15, Jackson 6-10 2-2 18, Grant 6-11 0-0 15, Connaughton 6-11 0-0 16, Vasturia 2-6 0-0 5, Torres 1-2 1-1 3, Beachem 3-7 0-0 6, Farrell 0-1 0-0 0, Katenda 0-1 0-0 0, Burgett 1-2 0-0 2, Gregory 0-1 0-0 0, Geben 0-0 1-2 1, Colson 2-2 1-1 6. Totals 33-62 8-10 87.
Halftime—Notre Dame 43-28. 3-Point Goals—Hartford 9-26 (Nwakamma 2-2, Wroe 2-4, Moore II 2-5, Sikma 1-3, Graham 1-3, Dyson 1-5, Carroll 0-1, Cole 0-3), Notre Dame 13-30 (Jackson 4-6, Connaughton 4-8, Grant 3-5, Colson 1-1, Vasturia 1-4, Burgett 0-1, Farrell 0-1, Beachem 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Hartford 25 (Nwakamma 6), Notre Dame 37 (Auguste, Connaughton 7). Assists—Hartford 17 (Nwakamma 5), Notre Dame 15 (Grant 6). Total Fouls—Hartford 12, Notre Dame 9. A—6,803.

Tuesday's men's scores
EAST
Buffalo 76, Binghamton 50
Canisius 67, UMKC 55
Delaware 82, St. Bonaventure 77
Duquesne 78, Texas-Pan American 72
George Washington 80, VMI 60
La Salle 84, Penn 67
NJIT 77, St. Francis (Pa.) 65
Niagara 65, Albany (NY) 47
Northwestern 51, Rutgers 47
Pittsburgh 71, Florida Gulf Coast 54
St. Francis (NY) 72, Columbia 64
UMass 87, Iona 82
West Virginia 82, Virginia Tech 51
Yale 70, Sacred Heart 64
SOUTH
Alabama St. 76, Fort Valley St. 65
Cincinnati 76, NC State 60
Clemson 64, Robert Morris 57
Concordia-Selma 79, Alcorn St. 70
E. Kentucky 66, Coppin St. 63
FAU 68, Jacksonville 50
Florida St. 65, Florida 63
Furman 72, St. Andrews 35
Georgia St. 65, Louisiana-Monroe 45
Georgia Tech 67, Charlotte 66
Louisville 63, Long Beach St. 48
McNeese St. 66, Mississippi St. 47
Md.-Eastern Shore 63, UT-Martin 60
Miami 67, Coll. of Charleston 40
Nicholls St. 71, Spring Hill 64
North Carolina 86, William & Mary 64
SC-Upstate 101, Montreat 55
South Carolina 91, NC A&T 54
Stetson 77, Florida Tech 61
The Citadel 51, Bethune-Cookman 47
Virginia 83, Davidson 72
W. Carolina 86, St. Catherine U. 70
MIDWEST
Akron 70, Marshall 63
Cal Poly 71, IPFW 57
Ill.-Chicago 79, Judson 38
Iowa 71, Ohio St. 65
Maryland 68, Michigan St. 66, 2OT
Michigan 73, Illinois 65, OT
Notre Dame 87, Hartford 60
Ohio 72, UNC Wilmington 53
Oral Roberts 77, Detroit 73, OT
W. Michigan 70, New Hampshire 56
SOUTHWEST
Lamar 85, Huston-Tillotson 59
Texas A&M 65, Mercer 50
UTSA 79, Cameron 68

NHL

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	37	24	11	2	50	100	86
Tampa Bay	38	23	11	4	50	122	99
Detroit	37	19	9	9	47	105	94
Toronto	37	20	14	3	43	124	111
Florida	34	16	9	9	41	80	88
Boston	37	19	15	3	41	98	99
Ottawa	36	15	14	7	37	97	99
Buffalo	37	14	20	3	31	75	123

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	36	22	9	5	49	109	86
N.Y. Islanders	36	24	11	1	49	112	101
Washington	36	18	11	7	43	105	94
N.Y. Rangers	34	19	11	4	42	102	87
Philadelphia	36	14	16	6	34	100	109
Columbus	34	15	16	3	33	86	109
New Jersey	38	13	18	7	33	82	108
Carolina	36	10	22	4	24	72	98

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	37	25	10	2	52	117	78
Nashville	35	23	9	3	49	103	76
St. Louis	36	22	11	3	47	106	90
Winnipeg	37	19	11	7	45	94	87
Minnesota	34	17	13	4	38	99	95
Dallas	35	16	14	5	37	102	118
Colorado	36	13	15	8	34	92	109

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	38	24	8	6	54	107	101
Vancouver	34	20	11	3	43	100	93
San Jose	36	19	12	5	43	100	93
Los Angeles	37	18	12	7	43	101	91
Calgary	38	20	15	3	43	110	100
Arizona	36	14	18	4	32	86	115
Edmonton	36	7	22	7	21	76	125

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
Monday's Games
Chicago 5, Nashville 4, SO
Boston 5, Detroit 2
New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 3, OT
Montreal 3, Carolina 1
Ottawa 5, Buffalo 2
Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 2
St. Louis 3, Colorado 0
Minnesota 3, Winnipeg 2
Dallas 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Calgary 2, Los Angeles 1
Arizona 4, Philadelphia 2
Tuesday's Games
Montreal 2, Florida 1, SO
Nashville 3, St. Louis 2
Los Angeles at Edmonton
Vancouver at San Jose
Today's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

NOTRE DAME 31, NO. 22 LSU 28

Notre Dame	**7**	**14**	**7**	**3**	**— 31**
LSU	**7**	**7**	**14**	**0**	**— 28**

First Quarter
ND—Fuller 12 pass from Zaire (Brindza kick), 7:04.
LSU—Fournette 8 run (Domingue kick), :05.
Second Quarter
ND—Zaire 7 run (Brindza kick), 11:04.
LSU—Fournette 100 kickoff return (Domingue kick), 10:52.
ND—Folston 6 run (Brindza kick), 6:12.
Third Quarter
LSU—Diarse 75 pass from Jennings (Domingue kick), 14:46.
LSU—Fournette 89 run (Domingue kick), 6:14.
ND—Prosise 50 run (Brindza kick), 4:15.
Fourth Quarter
ND—FG Brindza 32, :00.
A—60,419.

	ND	LSU
First downs	23	17
Rushes-yards	51-263	38-285
Passing	186	151
Comp-Att-Int	18-26-0	7-14-0
Return Yards	(-1)	9
Punts-Avg.	4-39.5	3-42.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-15	2-7
Time of Possession	37:00	23:00

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Notre Dame, Zaire 22-96, Prosise 3-75, Folston 21-73, Carlisle 1-7, Golson 1-6, McDaniel 1-4, Bryant 2-2. LSU, Fournette 11-143, Dural 4-61, Magee 7-26, D.Williams 3-22, Hilliard 3-16, Diarse 1-8, Jennings 8-8, Kragthorpe 1-1.
PASSING—Notre Dame, Zaire 12-15-0-96, Golson 6-11-0-90. LSU, Jennings 7-14-0-151.
RECEIVING—Notre Dame, Fuller 5-57, C.Brown 4-49, Prosise 3-34, Carlisle 3-22, Folston 2-12, Koyack 1-12. LSU, Smith 4-66, Diarse 2-76, Magee 1-9.

Monday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
Texas A&M 45, West Virginia 37
Russell Athletic Bowl
Clemson 40, Oklahoma 6
Texas Bowl
Arkansas 31, Texas 7
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Music City Bowl
Notre Dame 31, LSU 28
Belk Bowl
Georgia 37, Louisville 14
Fosters Farm Bowl
Stanford (7-5) vs. Maryland (7-5)
Wednesday, Dec. 31
Peach Bowl
Mississippi (9-3) vs. TCU (11-1), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Fiesta Bowl
Boise State (11-2) vs. Arizona (10-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
Mississippi State (10-2) vs. Georgia Tech (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
Wisconsin (10-3) vs. Auburn (8-4), Noon (ESPN2)
Cotton Bowl Classic
Michigan State (10-2) vs. Baylor (11-1), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
Minnesota (8-4) vs. Missouri (10-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
Playoff semifinal: Oregon (12-1) vs. Florida State (13-0), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Sugar Bowl
Playoff semifinal: Alabama (12-1) vs. Ohio State (12-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Jan. 2
Armed Forces Bowl
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Houston (7-5), Noon (ESPN)
TaxSlayer Bowl
Iowa (7-5) vs. Tennessee (6-6), 3:20 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
UCLA (9-3) vs. Kansas State (9-3), 6:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Cactus Bowl
Oklahoma State (6-6) vs. Washington (8-5), 10:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 3
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Florida (6-5) vs. East Carolina (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN2)
Sunday, Jan. 4
GoDaddy Bowl
Toledo (8-4) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN) S
Monday, Jan. 12
College Football Championship
At Arlington, Texas
Sugar Bowl winner vs. Rose Bowl winner, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Traded OF Seth Smith to Seattle for RHP Brandon Maurer.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT — Assigned G Shabazz Napier to Sioux Falls (NBADL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed TE Andre Hardy on practice squad injured reserve. Signed TE Ted Bolser to the practice squad.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed DB Brendan Bishop, CB Jordan Mabin, TE Kyle Miller, LB Jacques Smith, RB Ronnie Wingo, DTs Ricky Heimuli and Adam Replogle and WRs Freddie Martino and Bernard Reedy to futures contracts.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed FB Corey Knox and TE Chris Manhertz to futures contracts.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DE Jamil Merrell to a futures contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed PKs Travis Coons and Carey Spear to futures contracts.

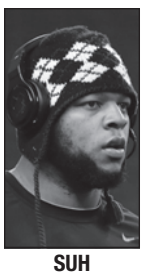
Suh to play vs. Dallas

Lions tackle has suspension reduced to $70K fine

NEW YORK (AP) — Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh can play in Detroit's wild-card game after his one-game NFL suspension was reduced to a $70,000 fine.

Hearing officer Ted Cottrell heard Suh's expedited appeal Tuesday and ruled that Suh can play Sunday at Dallas but must pay the fine.

Suh originally was suspended for stepping on Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers' left leg twice last Sunday in a loss to Green Bay for the NFC North title. He stepped on Rodgers once with each foot, which violated unnecessary roughness rules, according to the league.


SUH

But Cottrell, jointly appointed by the NFL and the players' union, rescinded the suspension.

The Lions said they would not comment until Wednesday, when Suh will be available at their training complex.

One Cowboys defensive player, end Jeremy Mincey, seemed surprised by Cottrell's decision.

"I didn't understand that," Mincey said. "You've got to play the game the right way. I'm not knocking him. I like his intensity. I love how hard he plays. But there comes a point where you've got to think before you react.

"Sometimes it happens. I've done plays like what Suh did, so I'm not mad at him. It happens like that sometimes. You're frustrated, you're down and you're losing and things like that."

Suh has a long list of fines and one previous suspension, for two games in 2011 for stepping on the right arm of Packers lineman Evan Dietrich-Smith. Suh has been fined eight times in his career, but this is the first in 2014.

Candidates emerge for Bears' GM opening

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — At least three potential candidates for the Chicago Bears' GM job have emerged.

Longtime former NFL scout John Wooten told The Associated Press he recommended Baltimore Ravens director of pro personnel Vince Newsome, New York Giants vice president of player evaluation Marc Ross, and Tennessee Titans vice president of player personnel Lake Dawson to team consultant Ernie Accorsi.

He said he spoke Monday night with Accorsi. Wooten is the chairman of the Fritz Pollard Alliance Foundation, which promotes the hiring of minorities in the NFL.

The Bears fired general manager Phil Emery and coach Marc Trestman following a 5-11 season on Monday.

One of those guys has a great chance to get the job," Wooten said. "I really think so. They have the personality. They know their administrative skills. They are top evaluators themselves, and that's what you're looking for — top evaluators."

Whether the Bears will interview the candidates recommended by Wooten remains to be seen. Wooten expects Accorsi to conduct a wide search for GM but to move quickly because the coaching job also needs to be filled.

Newsome originally joined the Ravens' personnel department in 1993. He has spent the past five seasons in his current role and is part of one of the most respected NFL front offices.

Ross has a college scouting background and has been with the Giants since 2007. Dawson has worked more on the pro personnel side.

Bears chairman George McCaskey and President/CEO Ted Phillips will ultimately decide who to hire, but Wooten praised bringing in Accorsi to help with the searches.

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ball, forcing it, said he absolutely scored," Miles said. "Kids will be kids, but this guy's going to tell the truth."

Notre Dame got the ball with 5:41 left and never gave it back, driving 71 yards in 14 plays before Brindza finished off the win.

"We dictated the outcome by controlling the football," Kelly said. "Obviously, if LSU has the football with No. 7 (Leonard Fournette), he's a game changer. We certainly couldn't give them the football back."

Kelly went with sophomore Malik Zaire for his first career start, but he also played senior Everett Golson, using both quarterbacks on the winning drive.

Notre Dame held the ball for 37 minutes but finished with a 449-436 edge in total offense against the SEC's toughest defense thanks only to that final drive. Golson was 4 of 5 for 50 yards passing on it, including a 12-yard completion to Ben Koyack on third-and-10. Zaire finished off the drive with a couple of rushes to set up Brindza.

Brindza had missed 6 of 9 field goals in the last five games of the regular season, including a 32-yarder late in a loss to Louisville.

"To leave a program so historic like this in this kind of fashion is great," Brindza said. "It's a blessing for me, but also to be able to help win a game for all my teammates is a bigger blessing."

The Fighting Irish were ranked as high as fifth before dropping four straight and five of their final six, struggling in the fourth quarter against Florida State, Northwestern, Arizona State and Louisville.

Zaire rushed 22 times for 96 yards and was 12 of 15 for 96 yards passing. He threw for a TD and ran for another. Golson was 6 of 11 for 90 yards passing, and Kelly said the senior needed a painkilling shot after taking a hit to his ribs earlier in the game.

LSU (8-5) lost for the first time this season to a team not from the Southeastern Conference's Western Division. Fournette ran for 143 yards and two touchdowns, and the freshman also returned a kickoff 100 yards for a score.

The Tigers' final three touchdowns took all of 38 seconds. Fournette had his kick return, and his 89-yard TD run later gave the Tigers their first lead of the game at 28-21 with 6:14 left in the third quarter. In between, Anthony Jennings connected with John Diarse on a 75-yard catch-and-run touchdown.

But LSU didn't score again after Fournette's TD run, the longest play from scrimmage in this bowl's history. Isaac Rochell blocked Domingue's field goal attempt with 11:56 left.

Late in the first half, Notre Dame stopped LSU at the Irish 1 on a third-down pass, so the Tigers lined up for a field goal attempt. But Kragthorpe took off on a fake, bumping into teammate Terrence McGee on his way to the end zone. Officials ruled Kragthorpe short, and the call wasn't reversed.

HARBAUGH

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as his family watched from a few feet away.

"Michigan's always been great. It's always been great. I always believe in it," Harbaugh said. "In terms of selling something, you're selling something you believe in in your core."

As a starting quarterback for three seasons under Bo Schembechler, he is remembered for delivering a victory he guaranteed over Ohio State in 1986, the same season he was Big Ten player of the year and finished third in Heisman Trophy voting.

The famously confident Harbaugh stopped short of any real bluster as he took the reins of the storied program. After all, he inherits a team that has lost 10 of its last 11 games to archrival Ohio State and six of its last seven to Michigan State. If those two rivals were looking for bulletin board material from Harbaugh, he didn't give them much — not yet, at least.

"They're outstanding programs. No, I make no guarantees," he said. "I made a guarantee a long time ago, and I've learned from that, and I've grown. I understand that you don't make guarantees."

Harbaugh's seven-year deal is worth about $40 million, not counting performance bonuses. His $5 million annual salary increases by 10 percent after years three and five, and he also received a $2 million signing bonus. He can receive bonuses based on Big Ten championships, bowl appearances, coaching awards and team academic performance. Following a review by the athletic director after next season, Michigan will also determine a deferred compensation arrangement.

Michigan's new coach has his work cut out for him in a Big Ten East Division that's now full of big-name coaches. Urban Meyer is preparing Ohio State for this week's semifinal against Alabama in the inaugural College Football Playoff. Michigan State's Mark Dantonio has built a program that has staying power. Penn State is on the rise and Wisconsin and Nebraska are ahead of the Wolverines in performance and talent.

This past season was the third time in seven years Michigan finished with a losing record.

Nothing Michigan has tried lately seemed to work for any extended period of time. Rich Rodriguez had tremendous success at West Virginia before taking over at Michigan after the 2007 season. But the transition was shaky and he was fired after three years. Brady Hoke took over and went 31-20, but his team looked worse each season and he was let go early this month.

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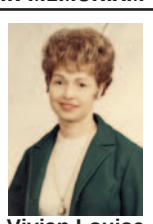

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your friends or family may want to make a big splash on New Year's Eve, but a small, intimate gathering will be a better choice for your mood and agenda.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can have fun without being indulgent. Too much food and drink will make you reckless and unpredictable. Take care not to offend anyone with your actions. The safest route is the best choice.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Keep your emotions in check. Don't make a lofty promise or disturbing declaration. Regardless of where you decide to celebrate, stay in control and out of trouble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are in the mood for an extravagant evening. A crowded, flamboyant affair will give you the chance to meet exciting individuals who will open up opportunities for you in the future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Many of your personal dilemmas will be lifted if you make a decision to start anew or diligently stick to your New Year's resolution. Do what you think is best for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can make this a day to remember. Let your confidence show and you will get an offer that you cannot refuse. Celebrate your good fortune with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take things as they come. Don't try to stick to a rigid schedule. Someone is likely to divulge personal information about you if you share your thoughts and feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Pace your partying while ringing in the new year. Too much cheer will loosen your inhibitions, causing an embarrassing situation. Stay in control and avoid the ugly consequences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Refuse to argue. If you have differences with someone, call a truce for now. Others may feel uncomfortable if they have to witness a heated discussion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will have a hard time pleasing anyone else. Stick to your own tasks and give everyone else a wide berth. If you can set your own agenda, you will be quite productive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your career is important, but you need to take time out for fun and entertainment as well. You will receive an interesting invitation from someone from your past.

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2014 GMC SIERRA DBL CAB SLT 4X4,
STK# G40317

MSRP $48,570
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $9,714
SALE PRICE $35,356

2015 BUICK ENCLAVE
STK# B5001

MSRP $49,500
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $9,910
SALE PRICE $36,140

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